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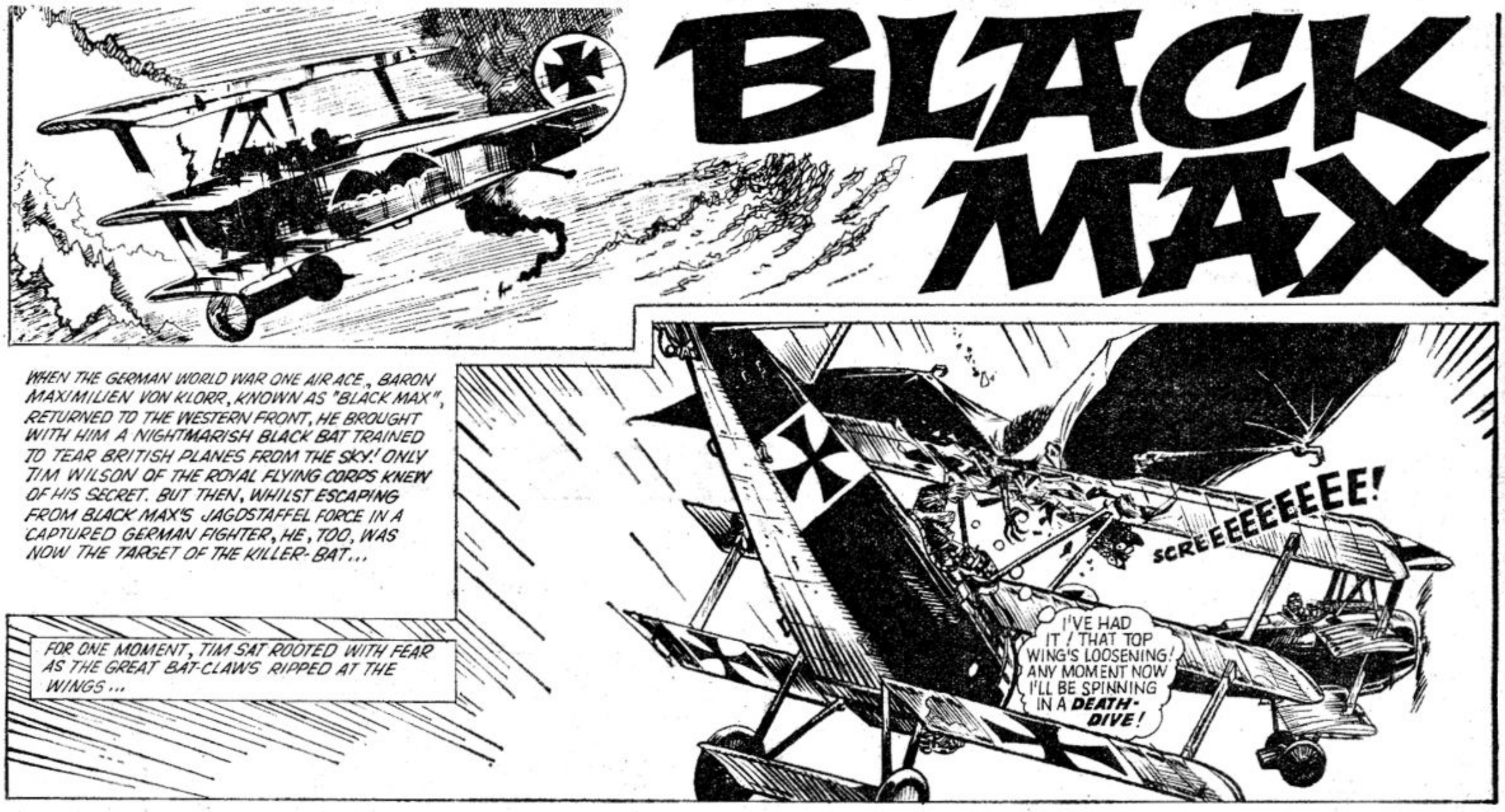

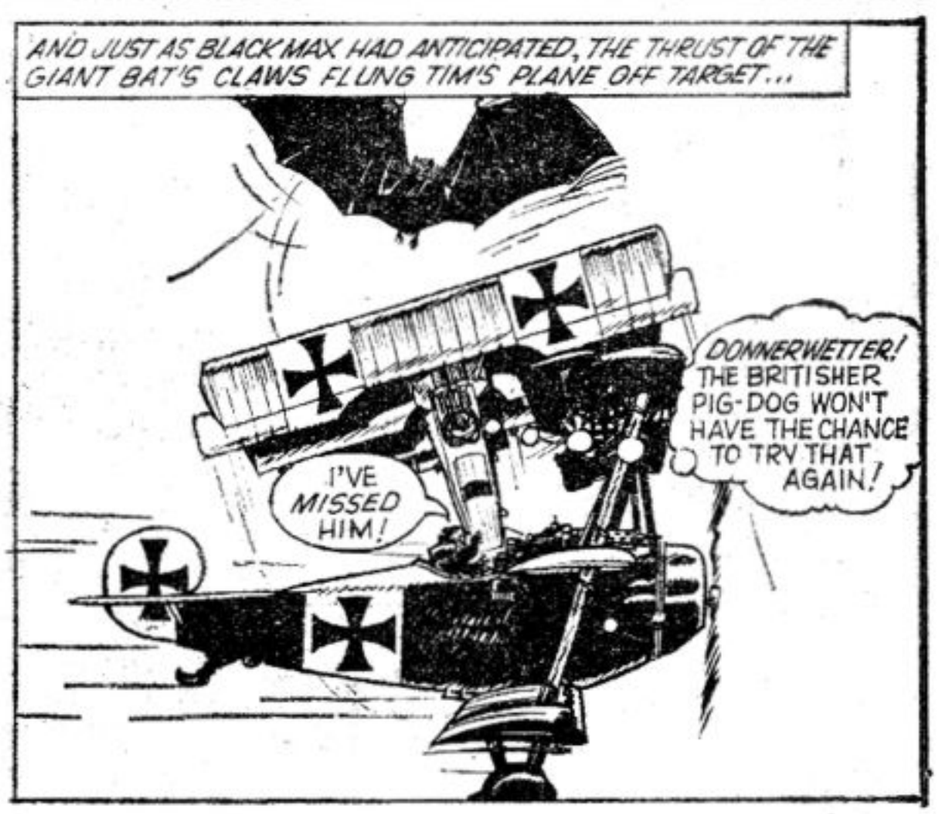

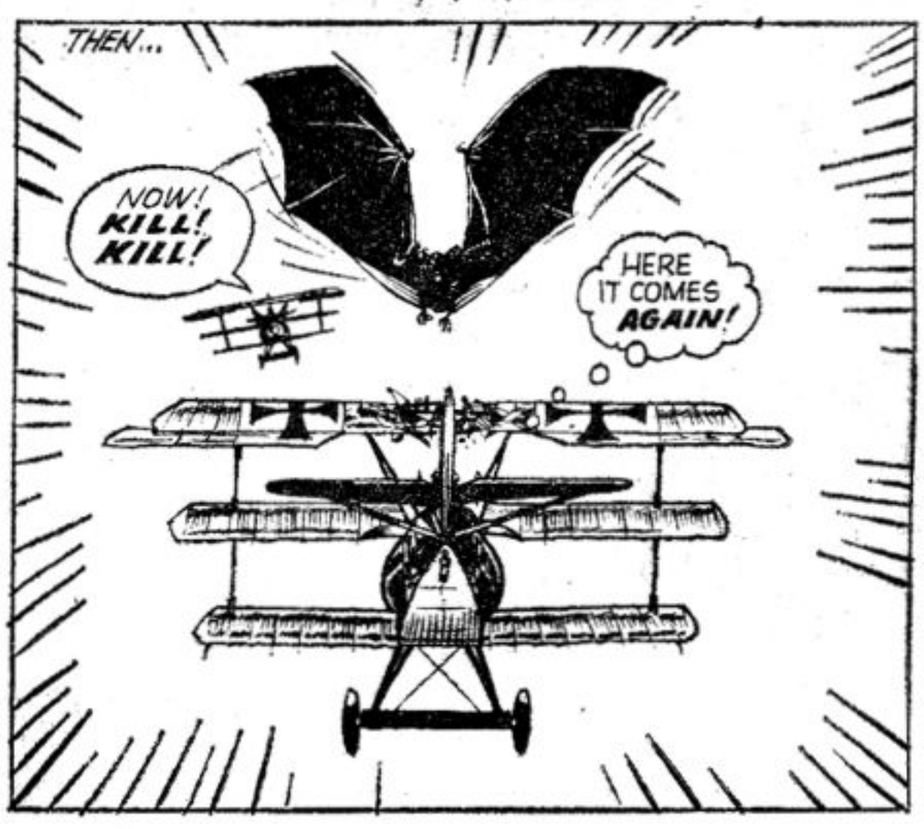

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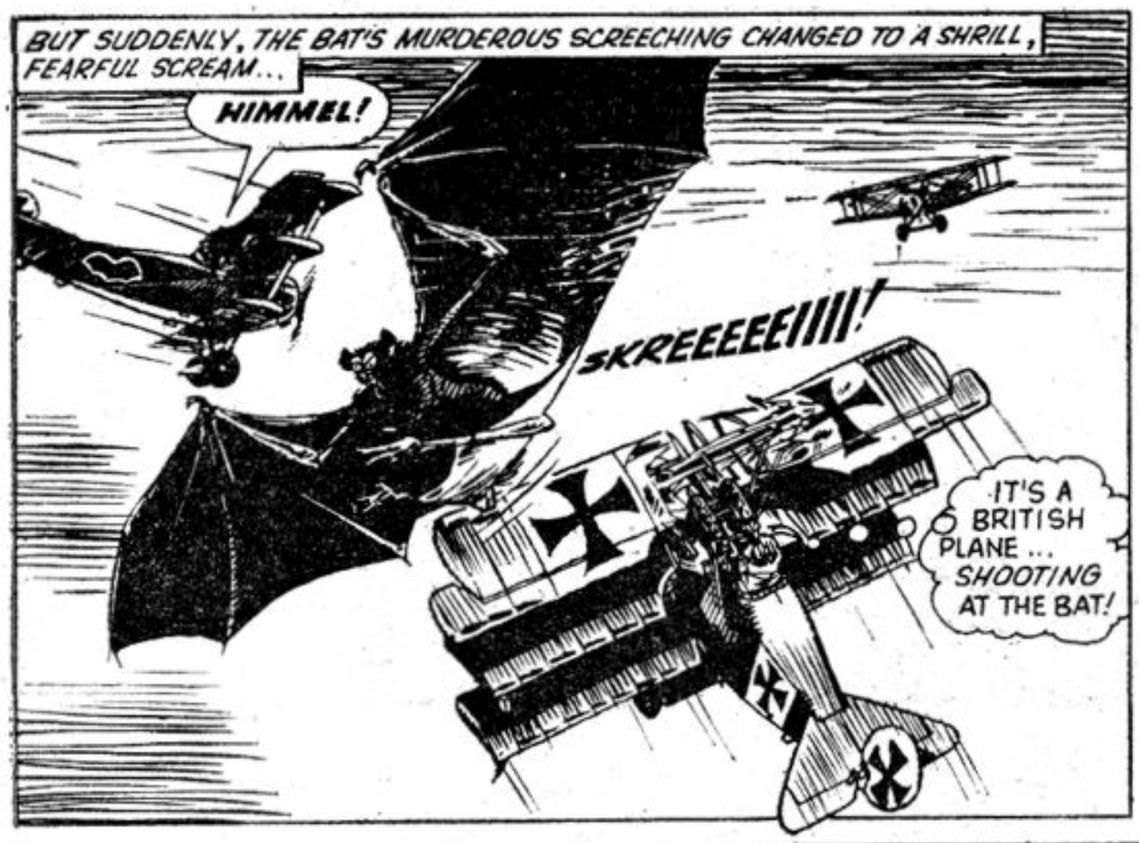

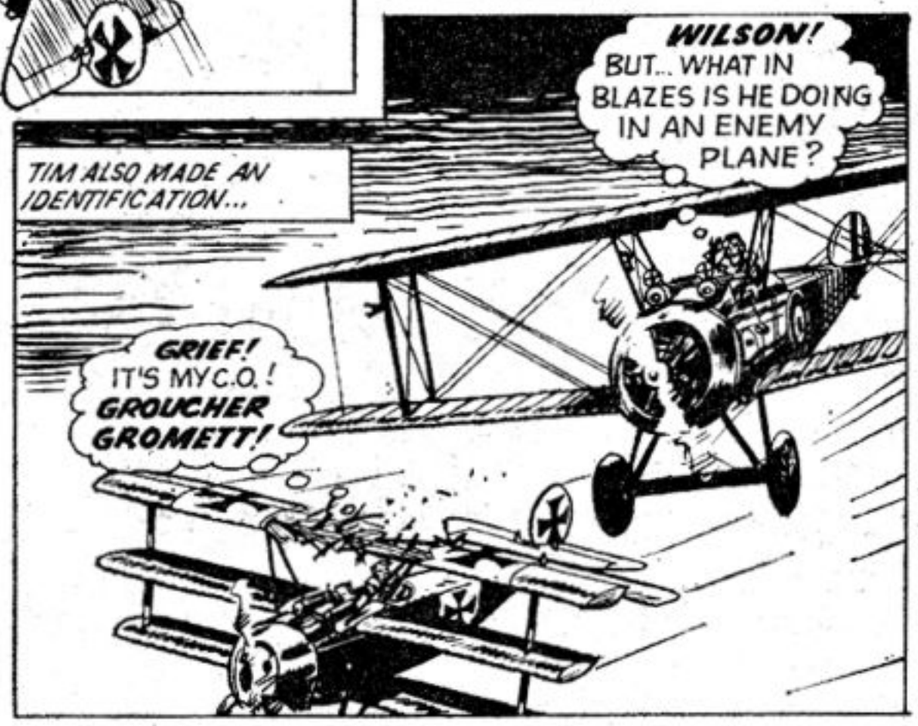

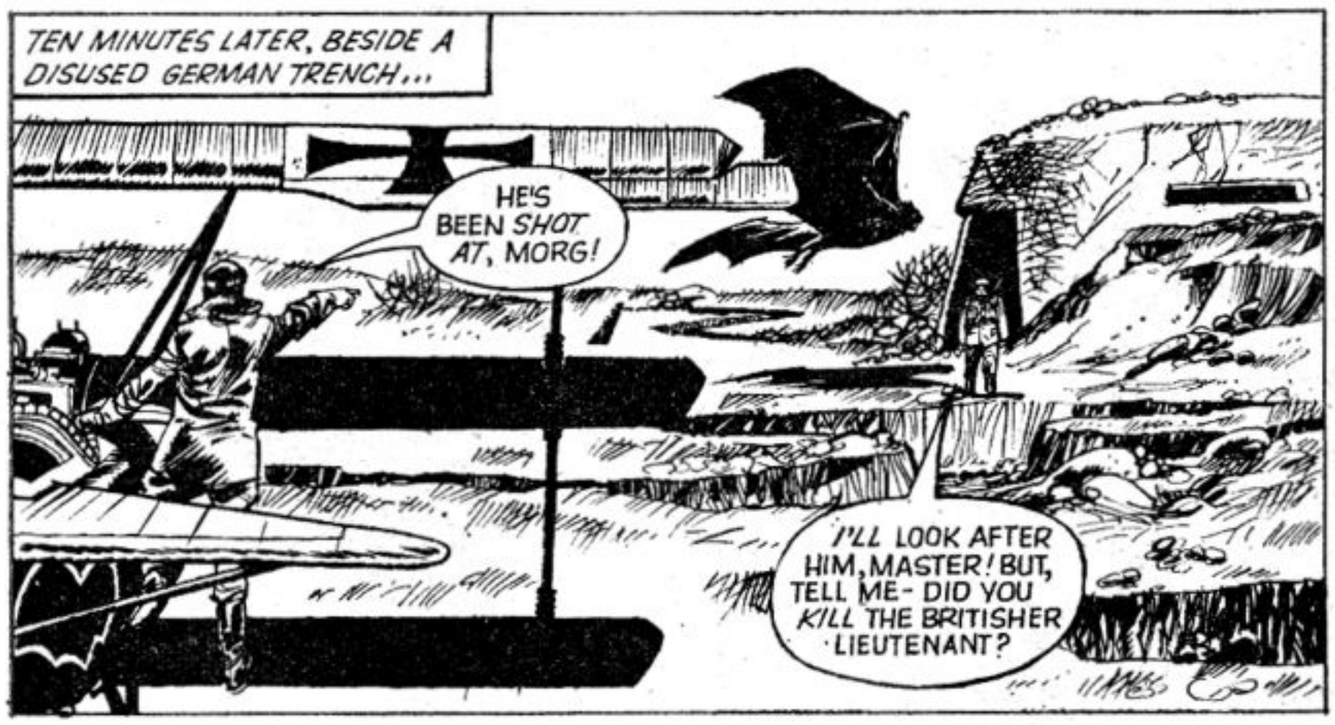

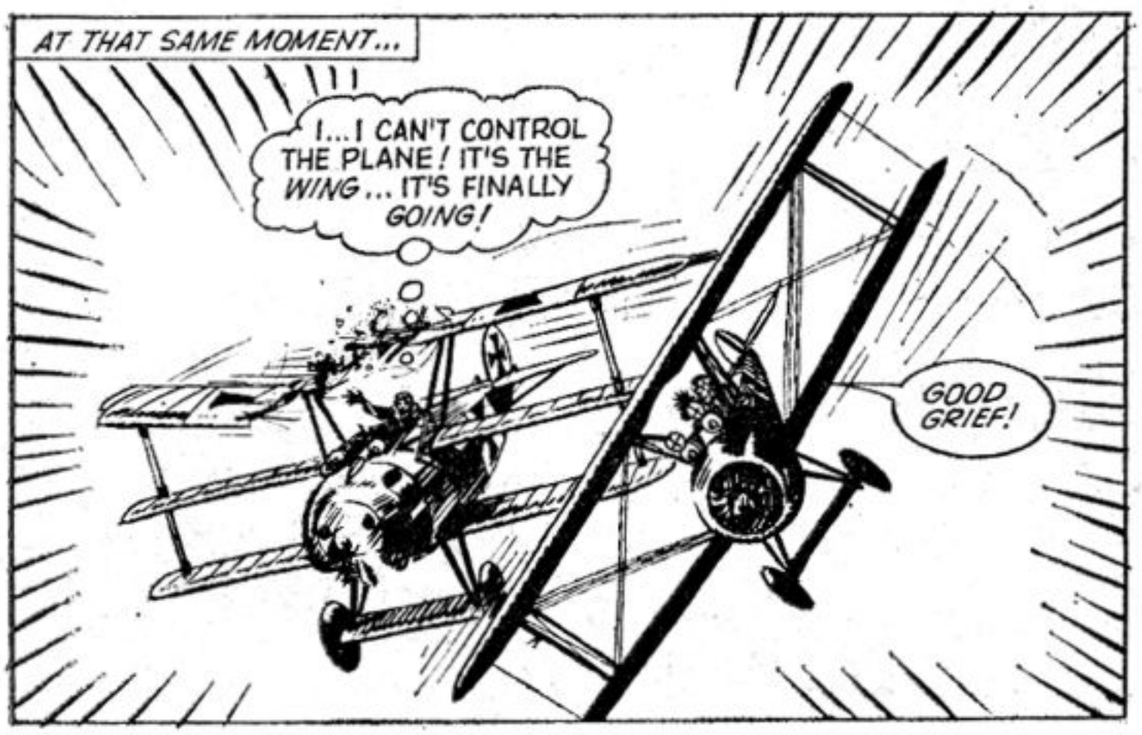

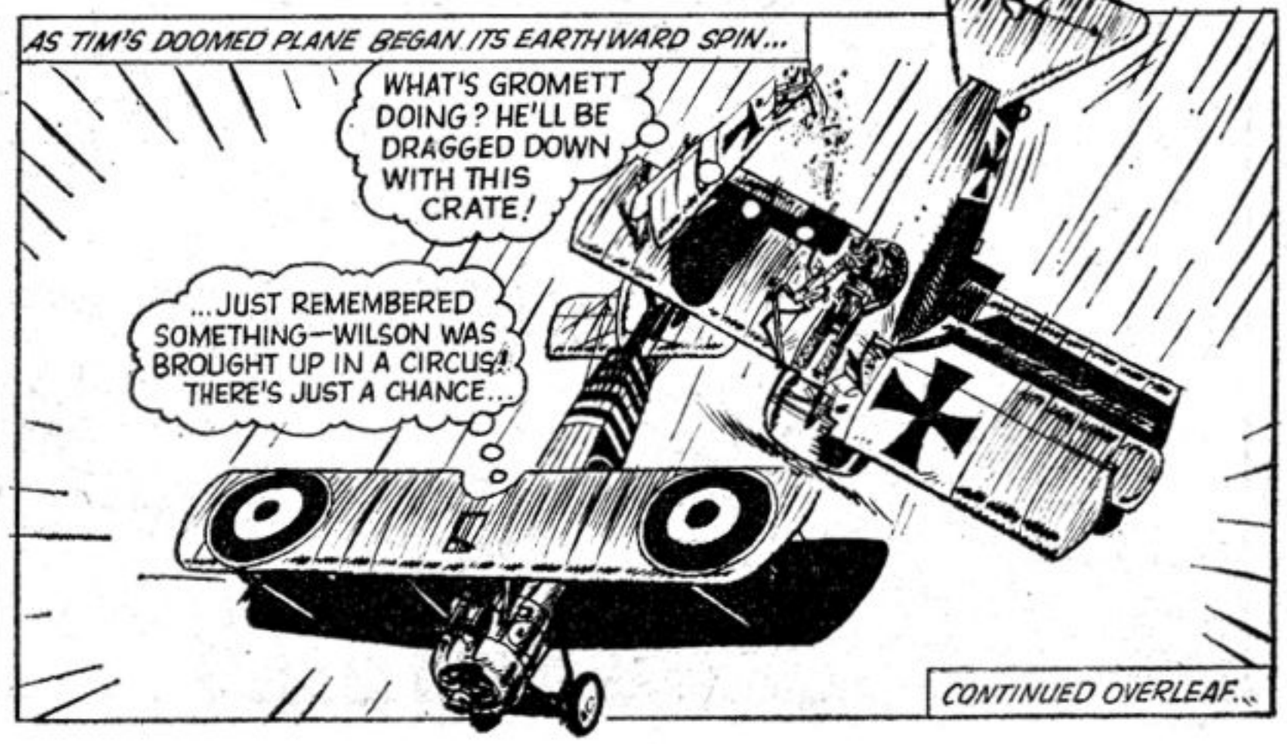

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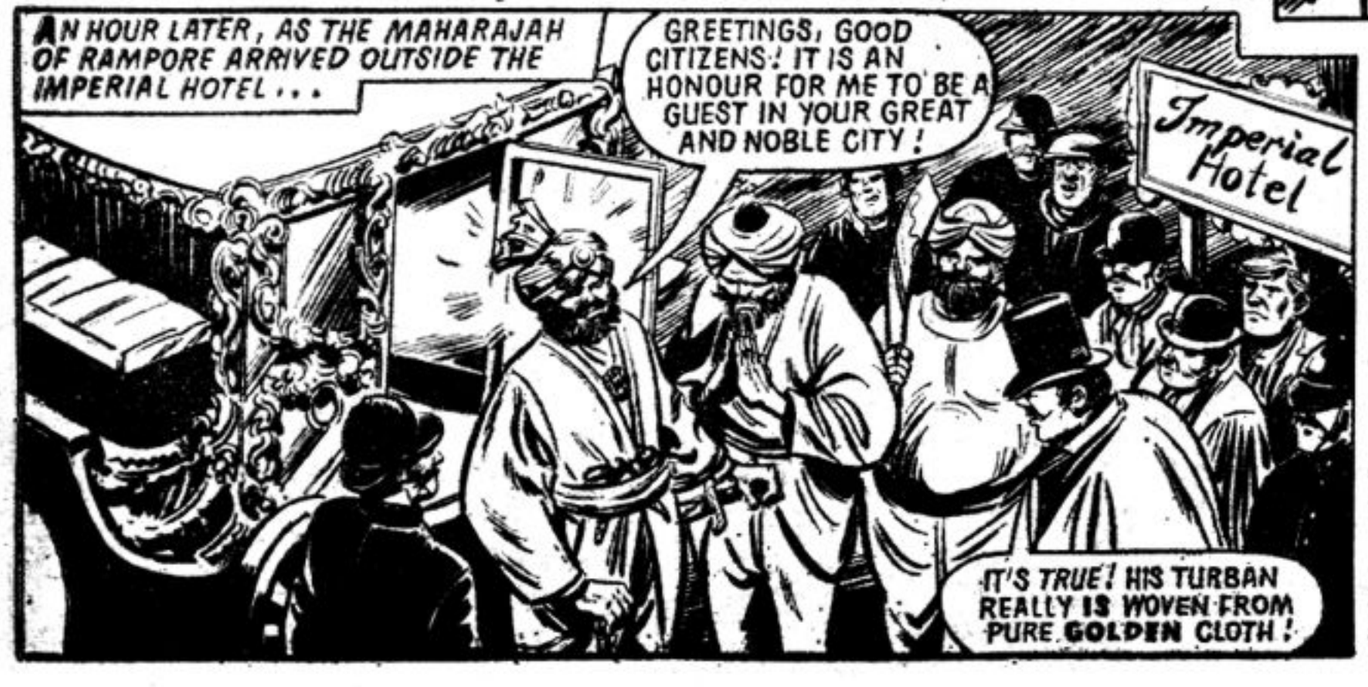
Workers on the Suez Canal construction dug out 100,000,000 cubic yards of earth.

BATTLE OVER THE ROOFTOPS OF VICTORIAN LONDON!

ADAM ETERNO

SINCE THE 16th CENTURY, ADAM ETERNO HAD BEEN WANDERING THROUGH TIME, SEARCHING FOR THE ONLY THING WHICH COULD RELEASE HIM FROM THE CURSE OF EVERLASTING LIFE — A FATAL BLOW FROM A WEAPON OF PURE GOLD! ARRIVING IN VICTORIAN LONDON, HE WAS 'FRAMED' BY A MYSTERIOUS CROOK, THE FLYING FOOTPAD, WHO TRICKED THE POLICE INTO BELIEVING THAT ADAM WAS THE FOOTPAD! WHILST IN JAIL, ADAM LEARNED THAT THE MAHARAJAH OF RAMPORE, WHO POSSESSED A TURBAN MADE OF GOLDEN CLOTH, WAS ABOUT TO ARRIVE AT A NEARBY HOTEL, AND SO HE MADE A DESPERATE BID TO ESCAPE...



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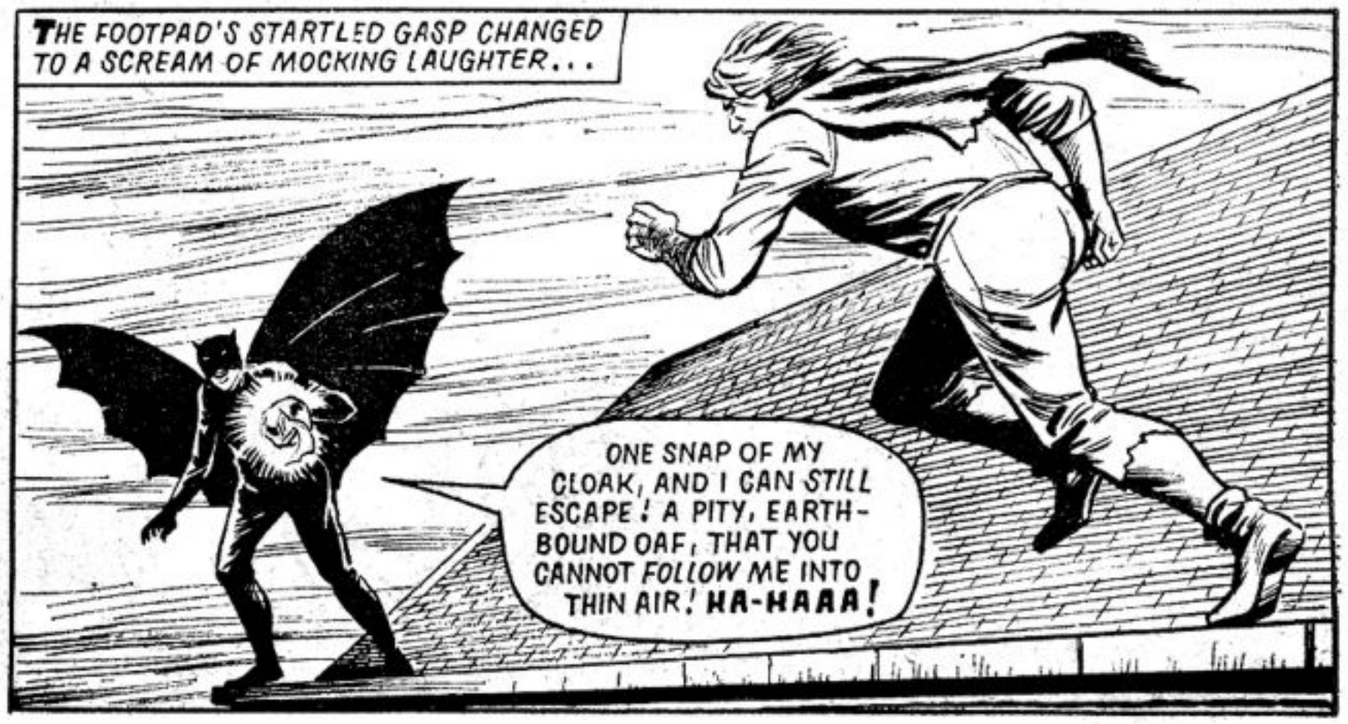

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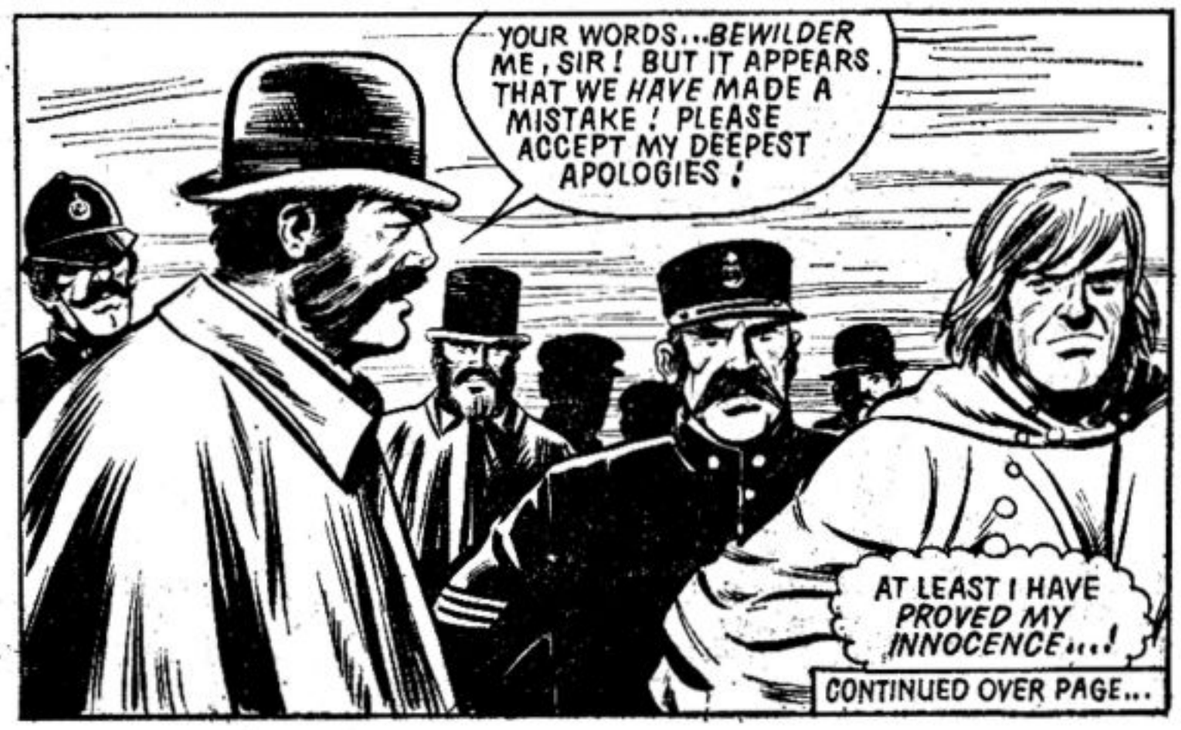

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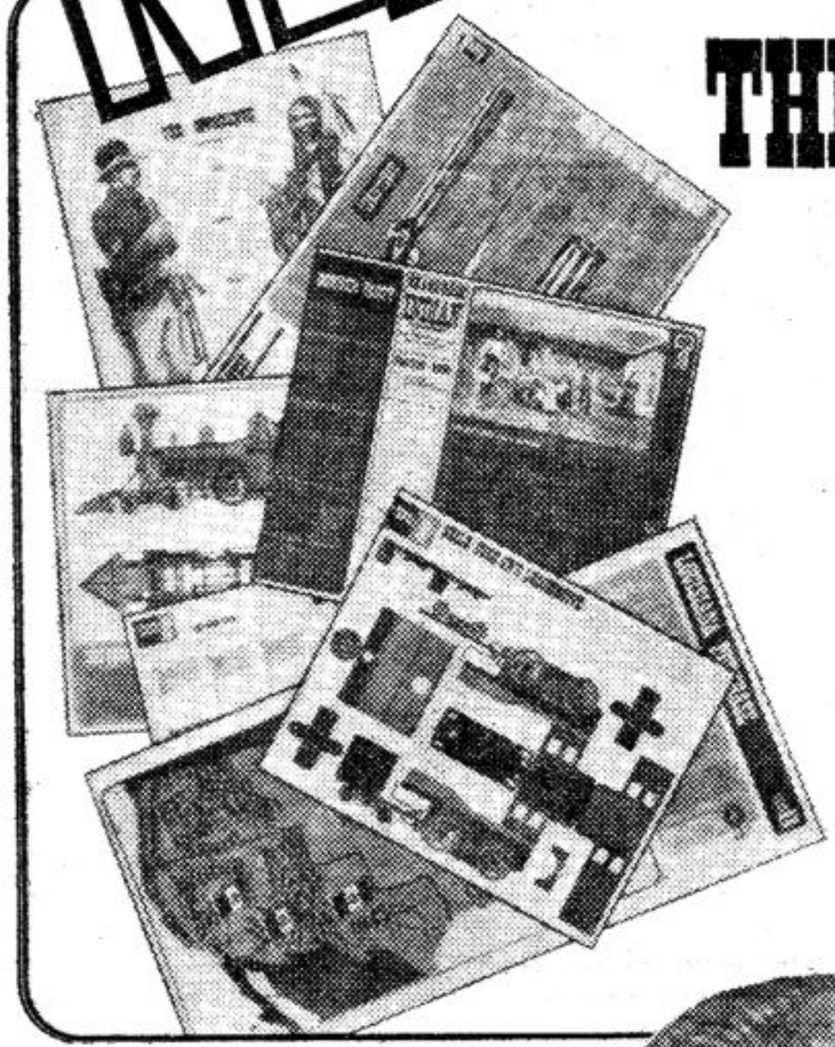

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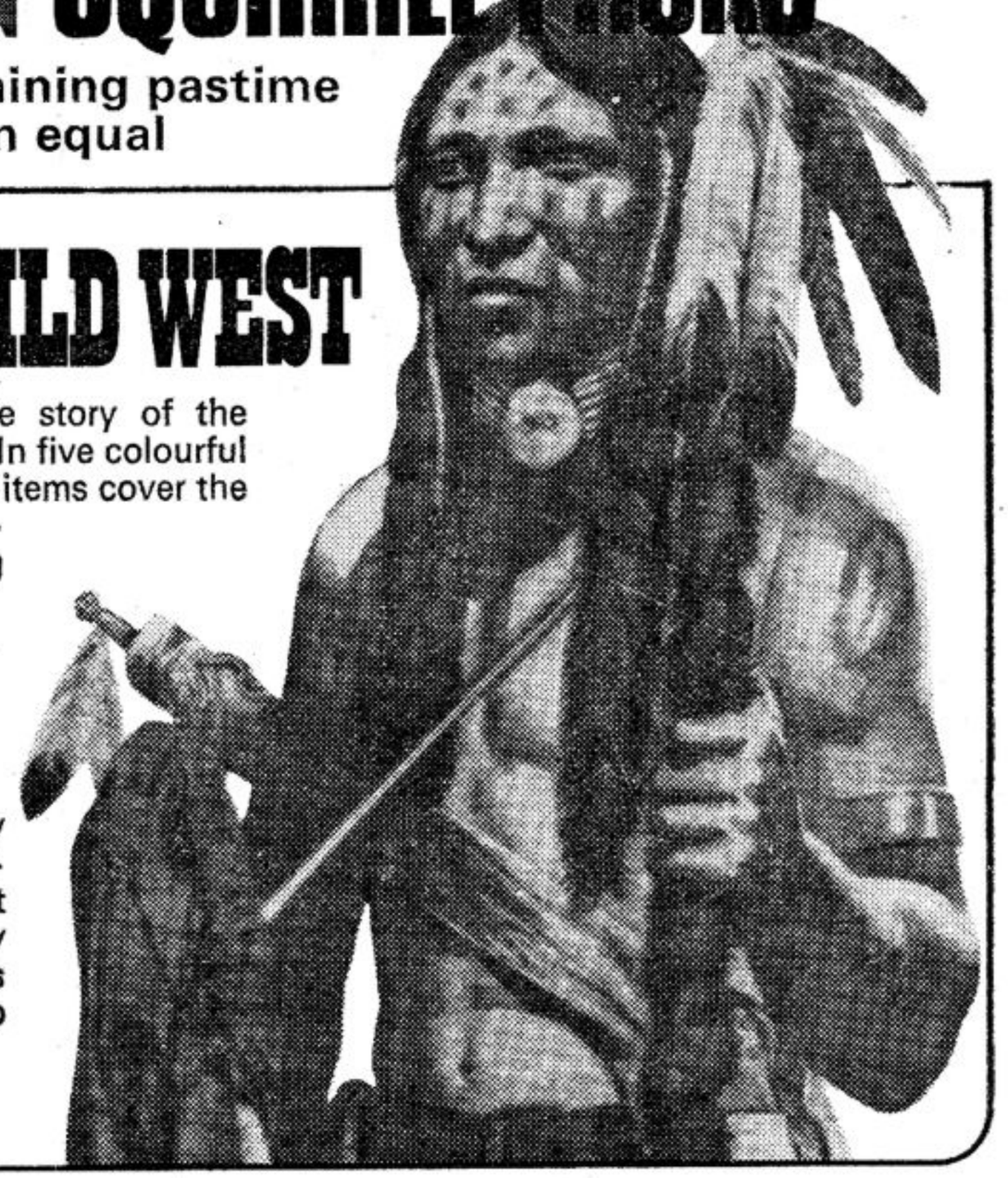

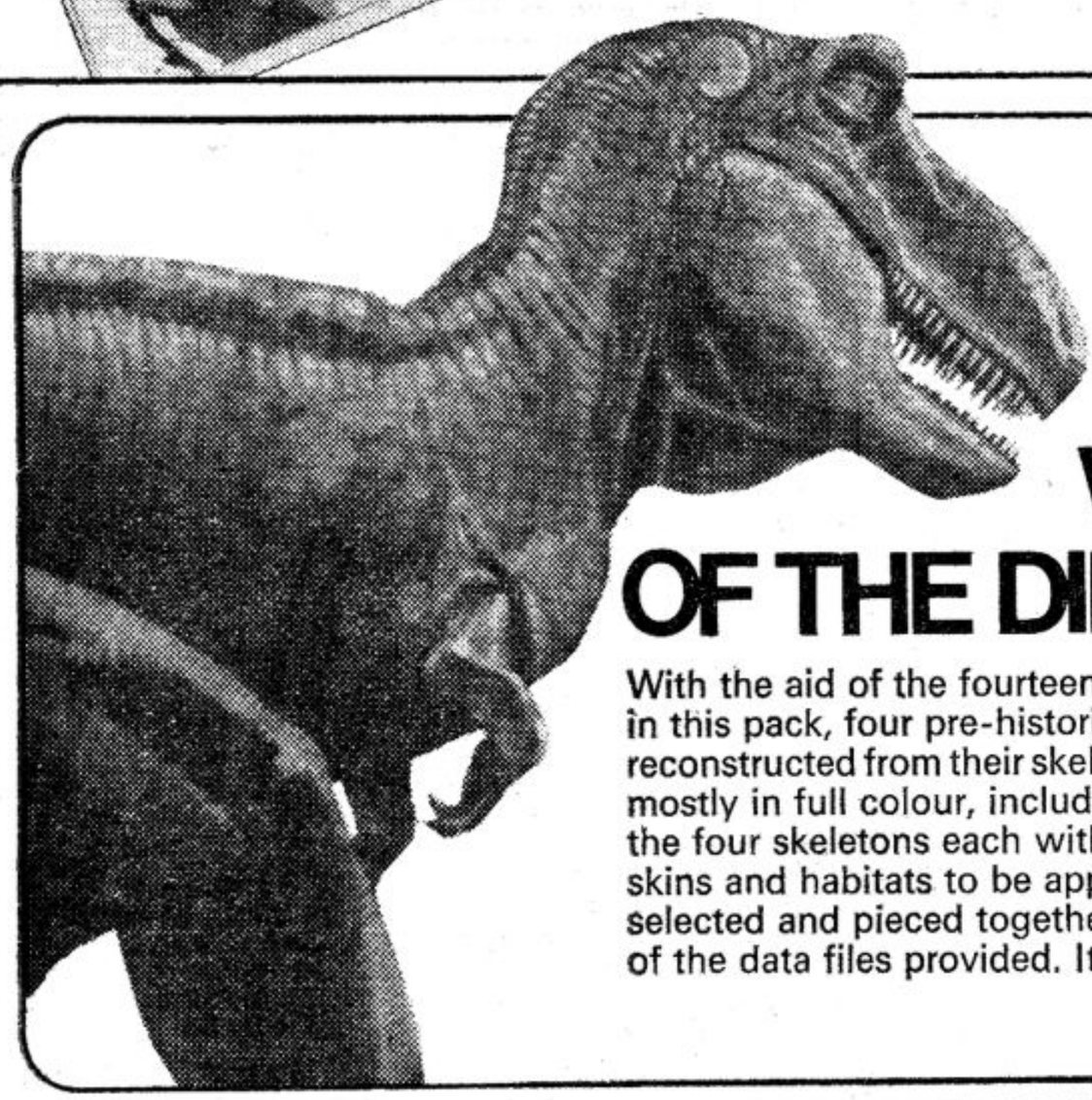

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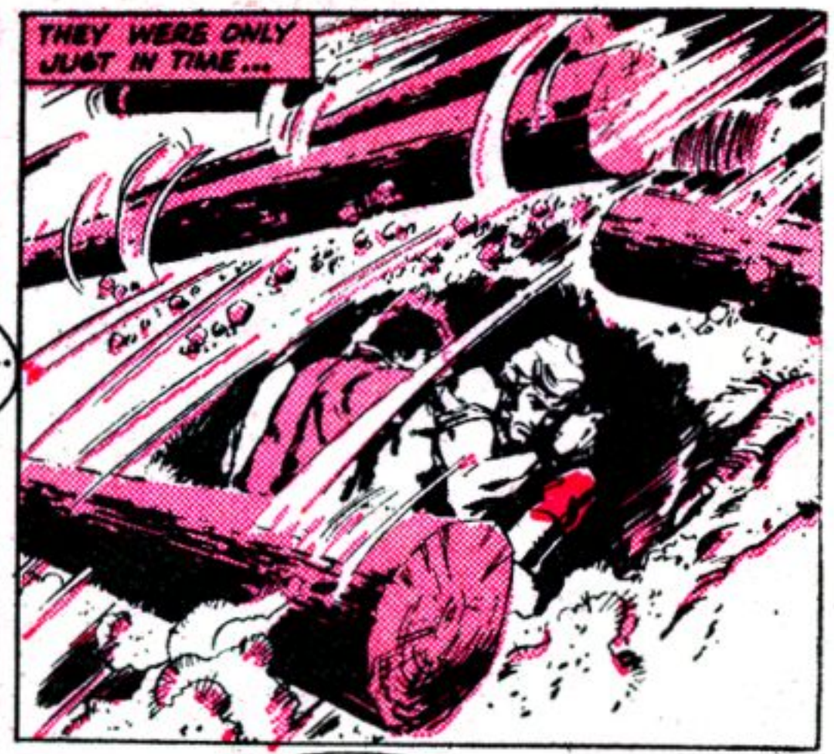
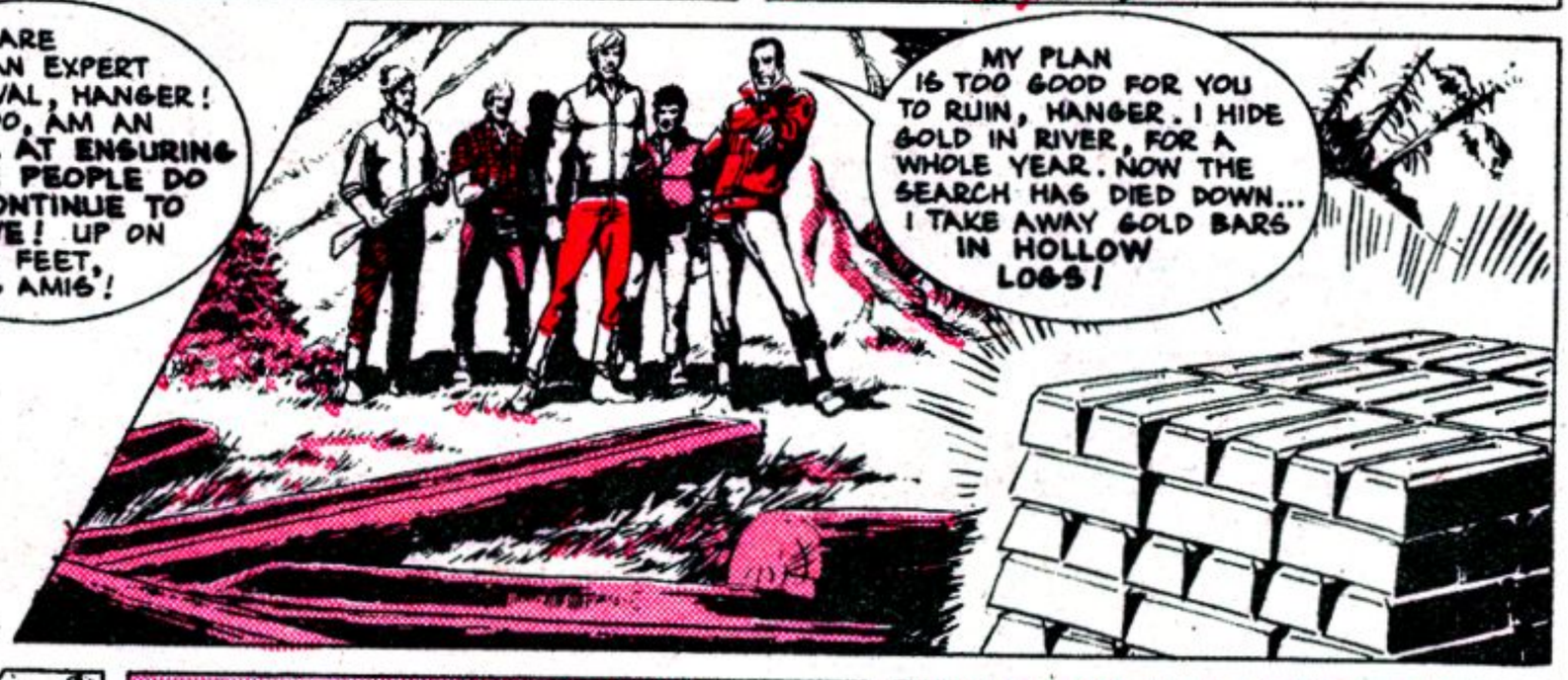
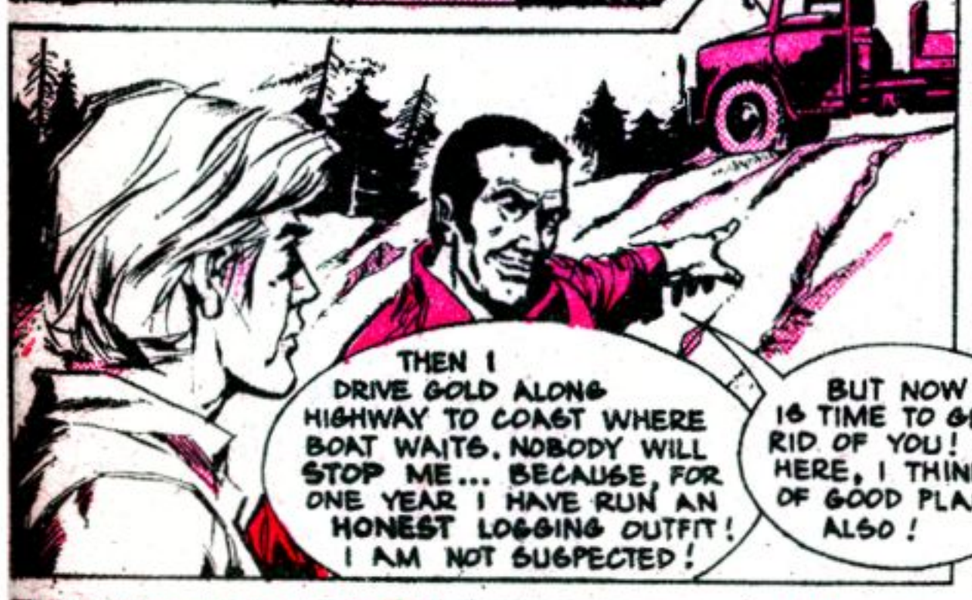
Two women drivers involved in a crash were named Ellen Rush and Leona Quick.







FIND THE ANSWER OVERLEAF!

The Emperor Nero used to think he spoke better after eating onions.

THE ANIMALS MAKE A DARING RESCUE ATTEMPT!

Fury's Family

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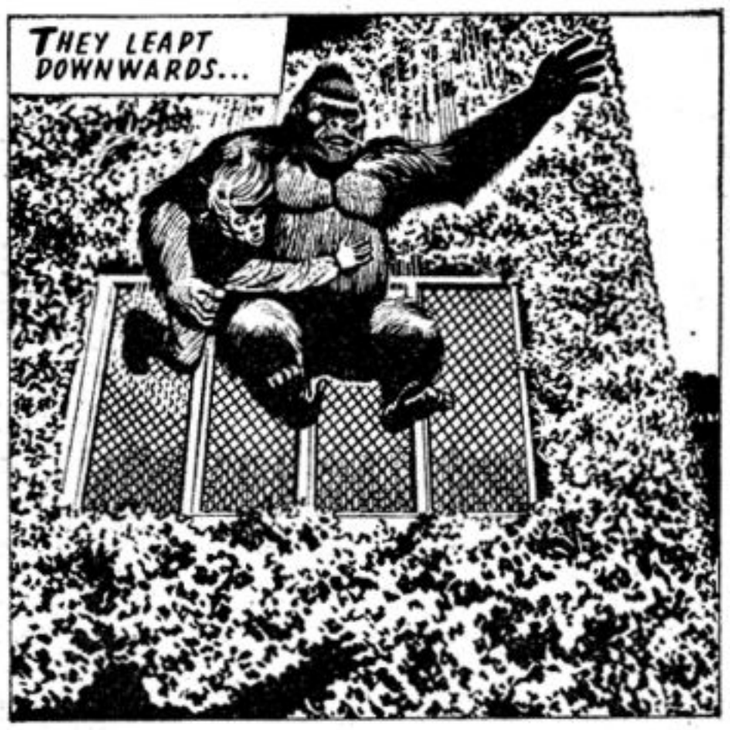
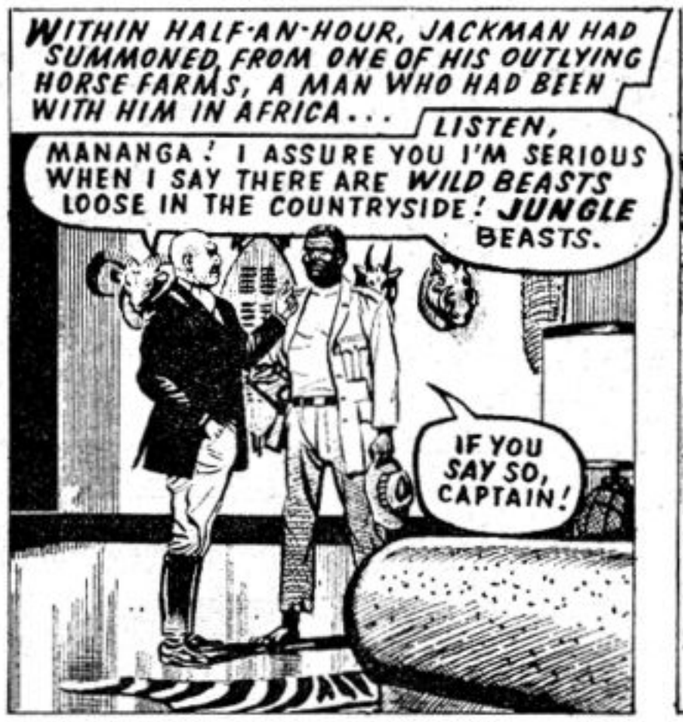
A boy weighing eight stones on Earth would weigh only five stones on Mars !



An ancient Egyptian tomb contains a picture of men playing hockey.



FOOTBALL FUN WITH THE SCRAPYARD LAD!

Dusty Binns

PA BINNS WANTED HIS SON, DUSTY, TO CARRY ON THE FAMILY RAG-AND-BONE BUSINESS, BUT DUSTY WANTED TO MAKE **FOOTBALL** HIS CAREER. ON THE MORNING OF HIS FIRST GAME WITH OLDTOWN WANDERERS, DUSTY HELPED HIS DAD MOVE SOME JUNK FROM AN ANCIENT, DERELICT MANSION. AFTER A HECTIC, EXHAUSTING ADVENTURE INVOLVING A SECRET VAULT AND AN OLD, LOCKED CHEST, WHICH PA WAS TRYING FRANTICALLY TO OPEN, DUSTY ARRIVED WHEN THE MATCH WAS HALFWAY THROUGH—TIRED OUT AND BRUISED FROM HEAD TO TOE . . .

PAINFULLY, DUSTY ATTEMPTED TO RUN FOR THE BALL, BUT. . .

COR! FLIP ME! TALK ABOUT A BLOOMIN' TORTOISE!

HE'S LOST IT! BOOOO!

PERISHIN' SLOW MOTION, THAT'S WHAT HE IS! GET HIM OFF!

BOOO-OOO! LOOK AT THE DOZY TWIT!

DO YOU WANT A PROP, MATE?

IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR. . . (PUFF) THEM! BUT I'M SO. . . STIFF AND TIRED AND ACHING. . . I CAN HARDLY MOVE!

TWENTY MINUTES LATER, OLDTOWN WERE STILL ONE GOAL DOWN! THEN. . .

NOW, OLDTOWN! HERE'S OUR CHANCE TO EQUALISE!

OH, NO! ONLY TWO MINUTES LEFT TO PLAY. . . AND LOOK WHO'S THERE TO TAKE THE PASS. . . BLOOMIN' RIP VAN WINKLE!

THIS'LL BE OUR LAST CHANCE TO EQUALISE! DARN IT, WHY DID THE BALL HAVE TO COME MY WAY?

NO DANGER HERE, MATE! NOT WITH HIM!

GRITTING HIS TEETH, DUSTY CROUCHED—THEN. . .

YEOWWWW— THE AGONY. . .!

STONE THE CROWS! WHO PUT A SQUIB UNDER HIM?

THE BALL FELT LIKE CONCRETE AGAINST HIS BRUISED HEAD!

YYYIIIII-AAAAAHH!

AND. . .

BLIMEY! IT'S THERE!

GOAAAAALLLLL!

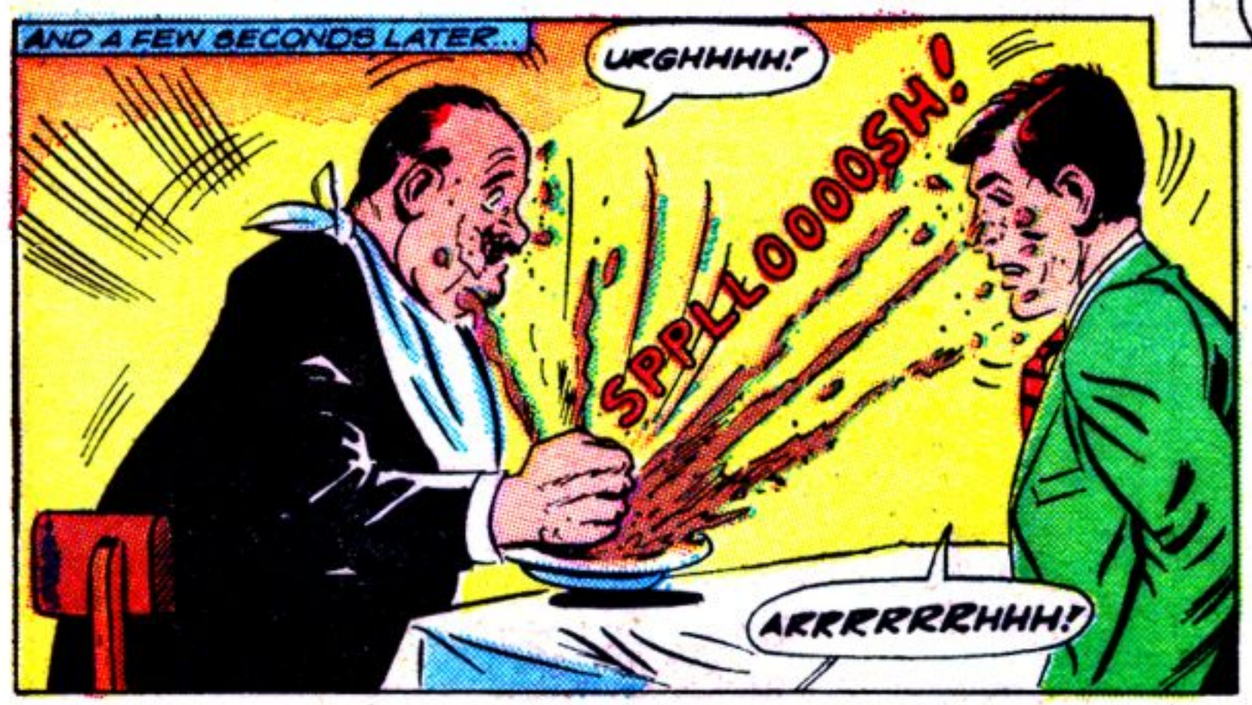
AND THE REF'S GOING TO BLOW HIS WHISTLE! WE DIDN'T LOSE!

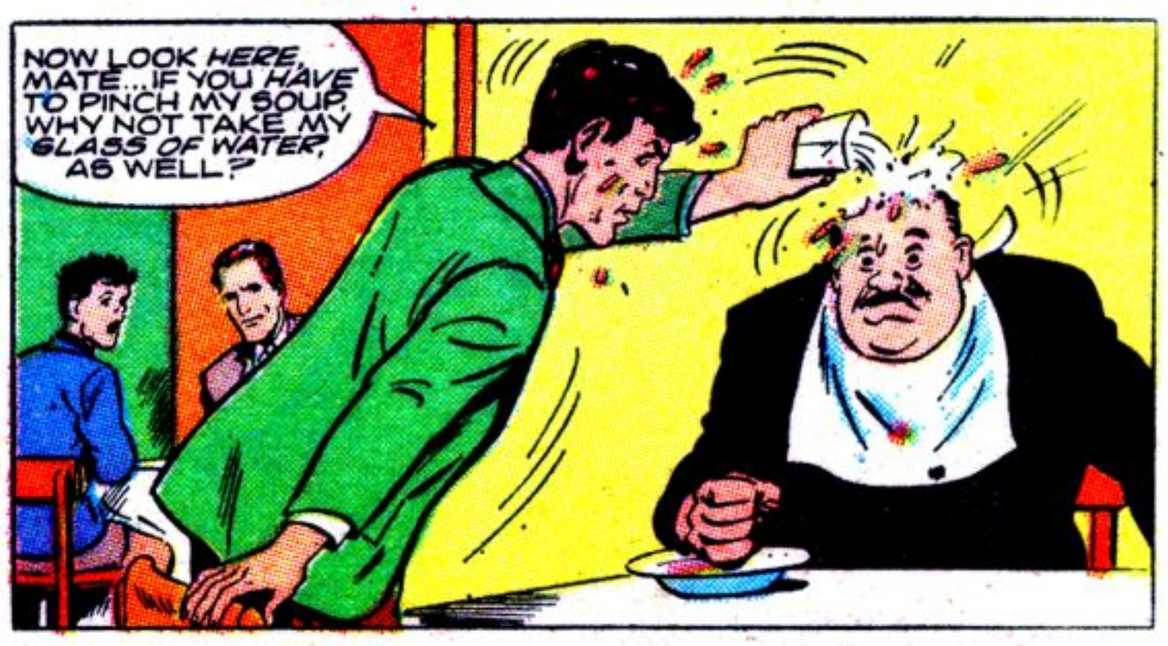
The late German Kaiser had a special implement for shaping his moustache !

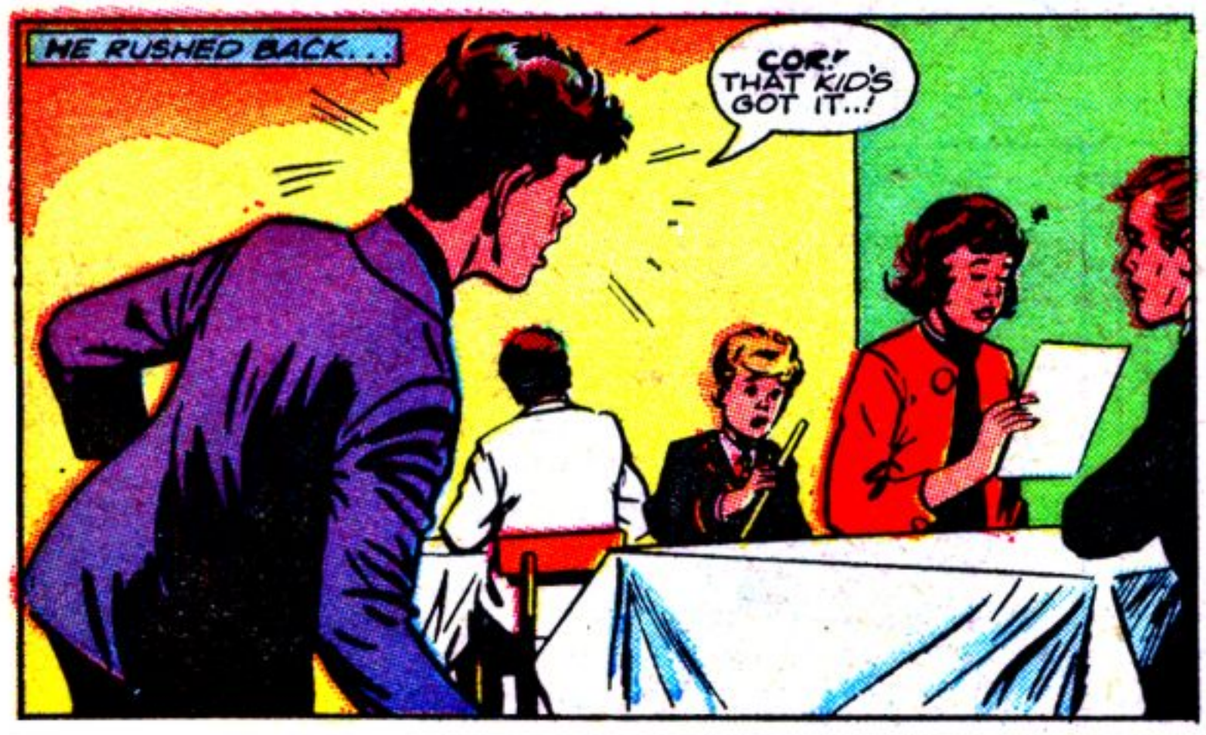
CRAZY CAPERS WITH THE TIN WHISTLE AT A CAFE!

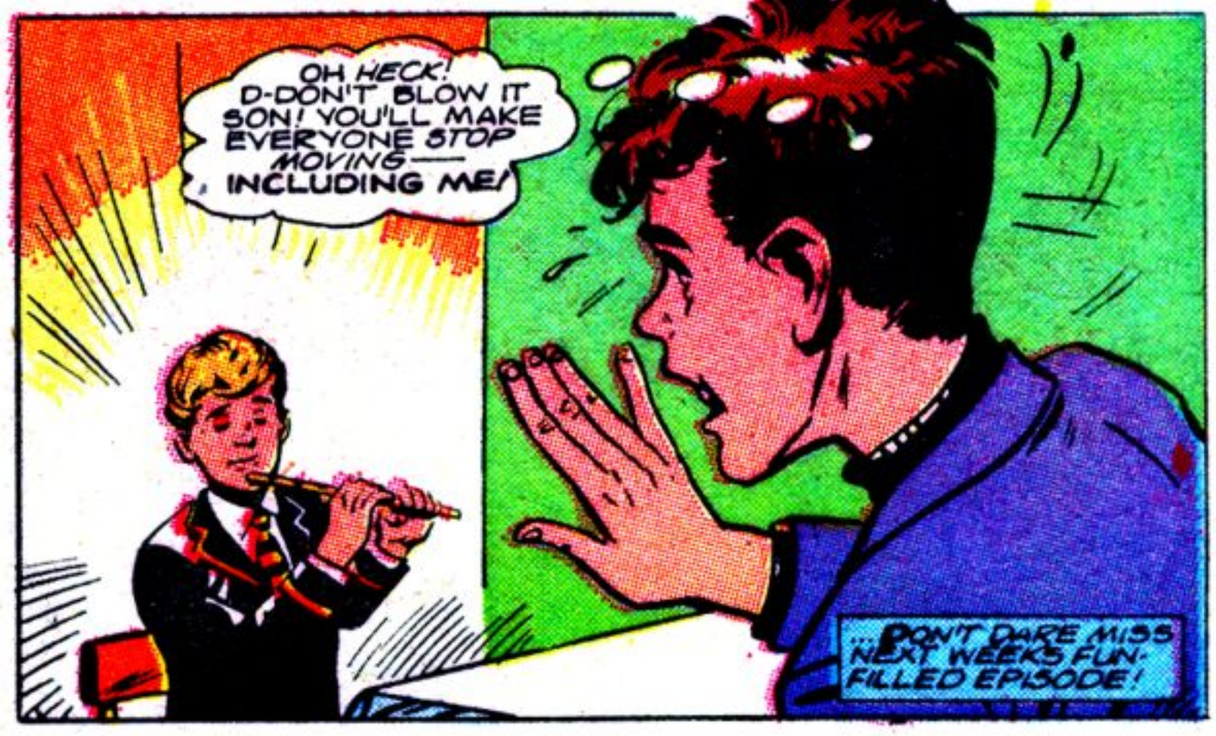
PHIL THE FLUTER

Nearly 500,000 people died in the American Civil War.



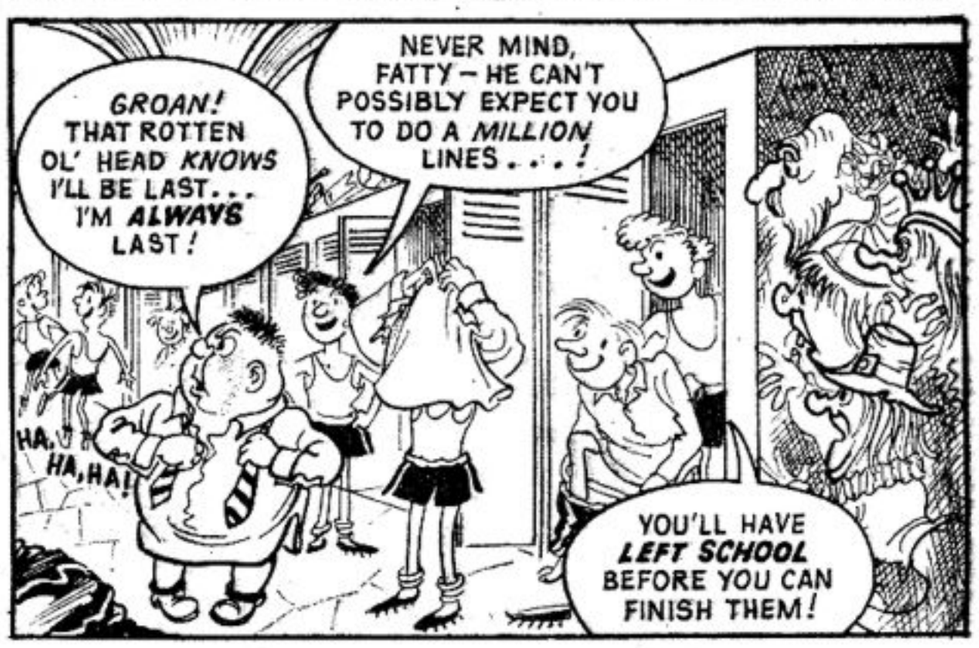


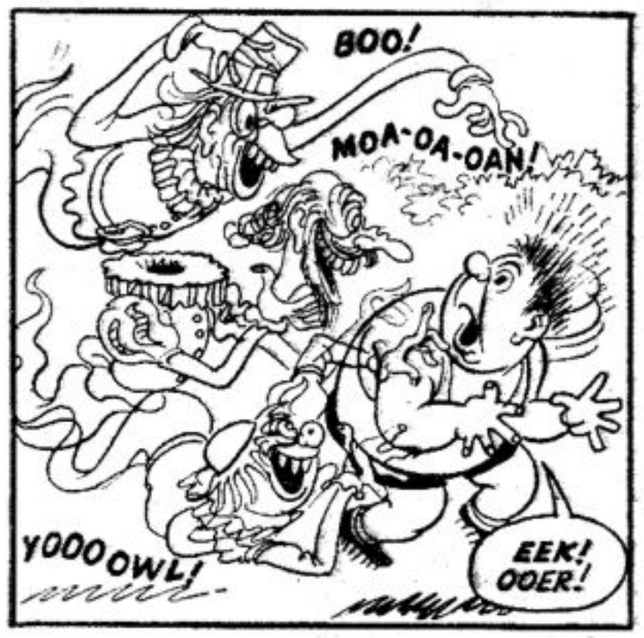


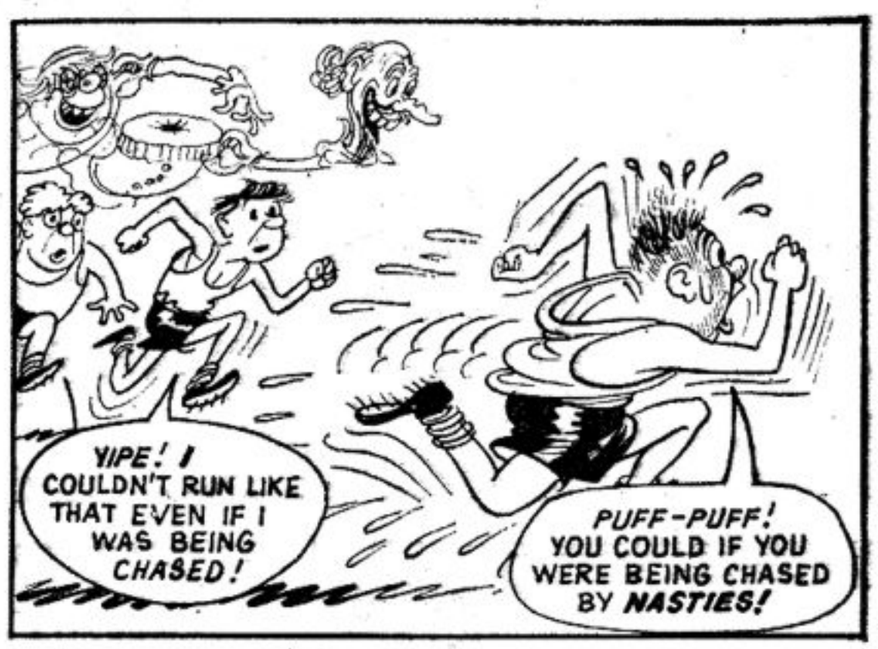


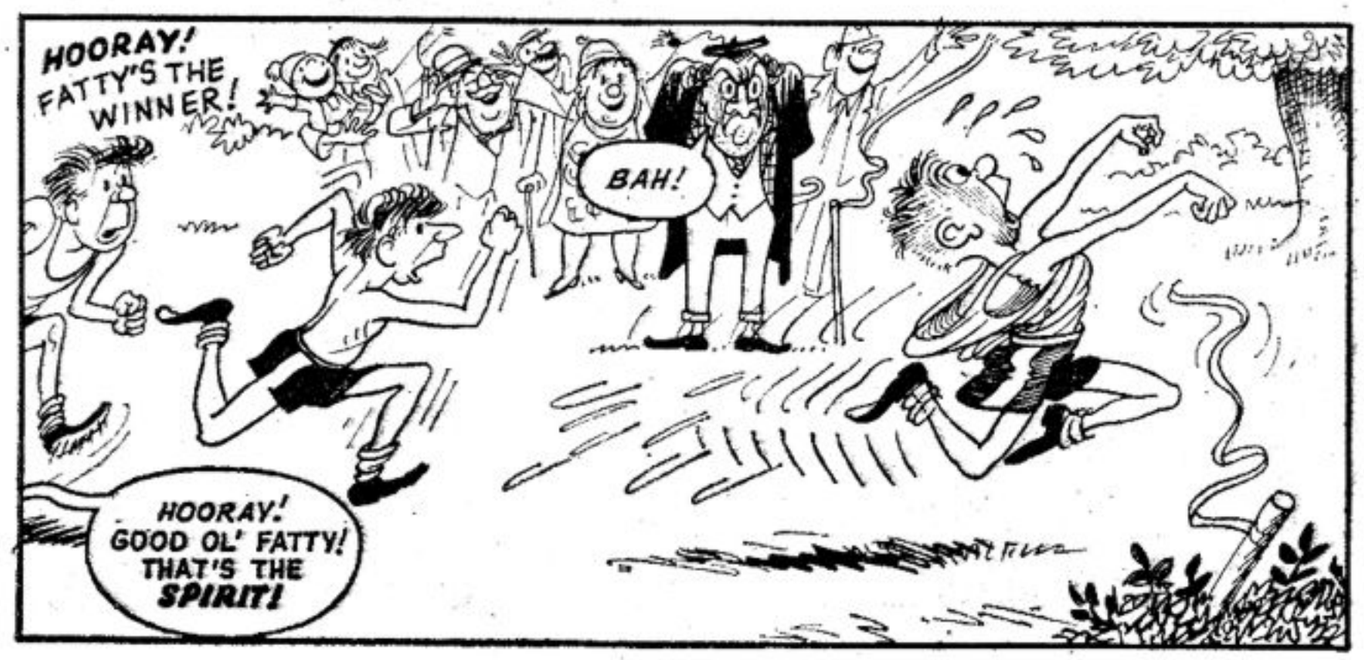
A LOOK AT A SPOOK SPURS FATTY ON!

THE SPOOKS OF ST. LUKE'S









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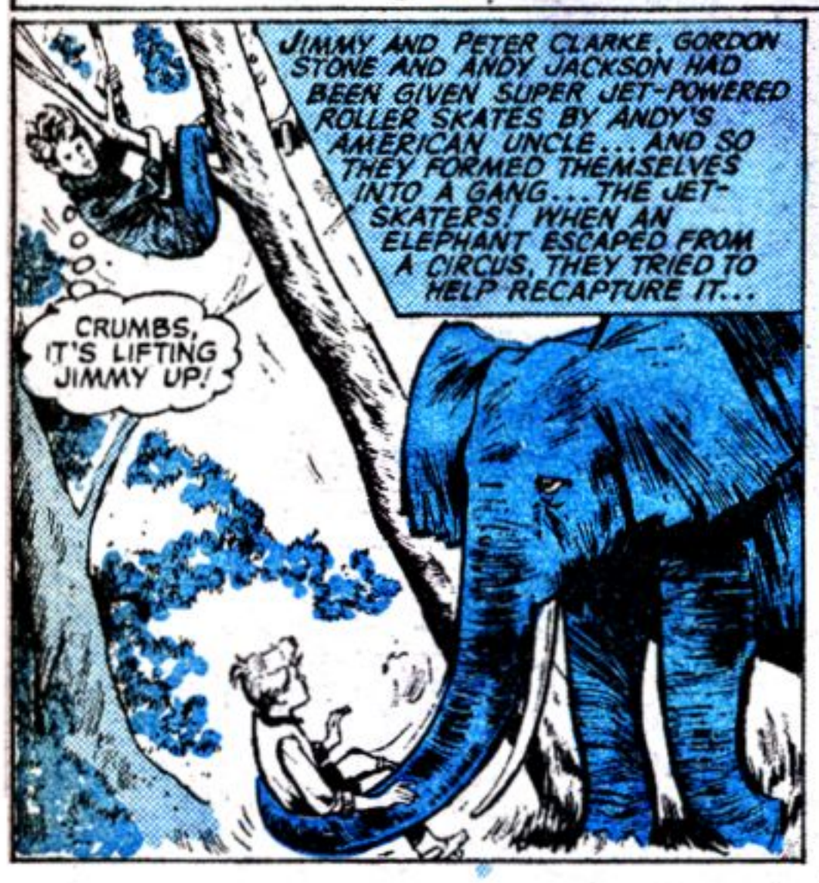
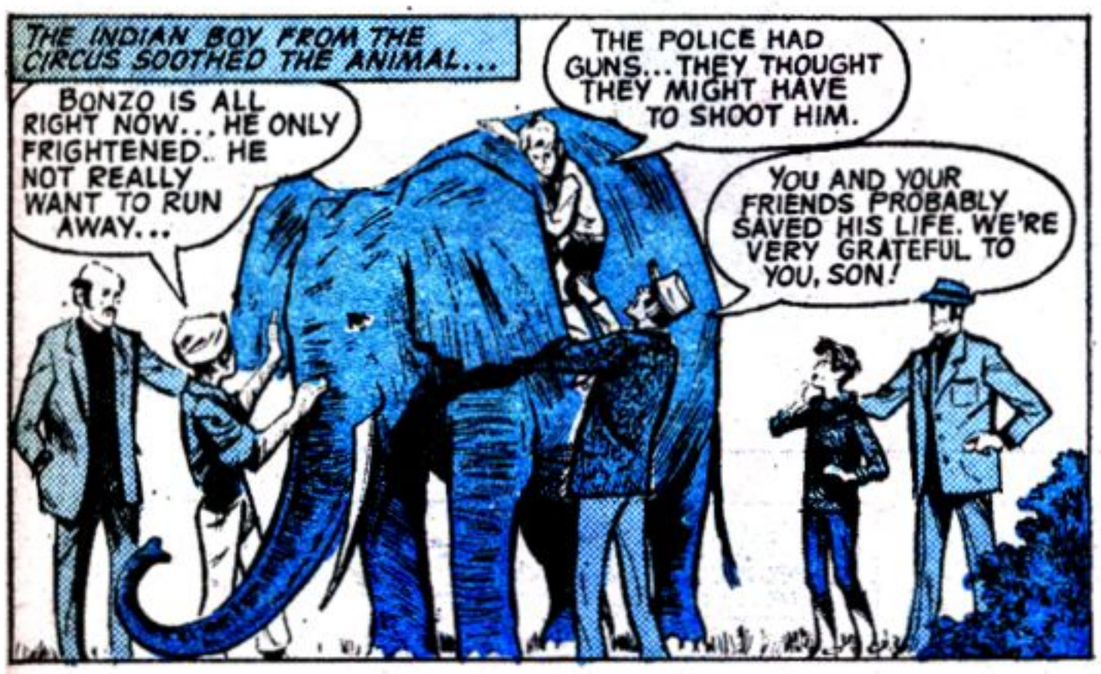
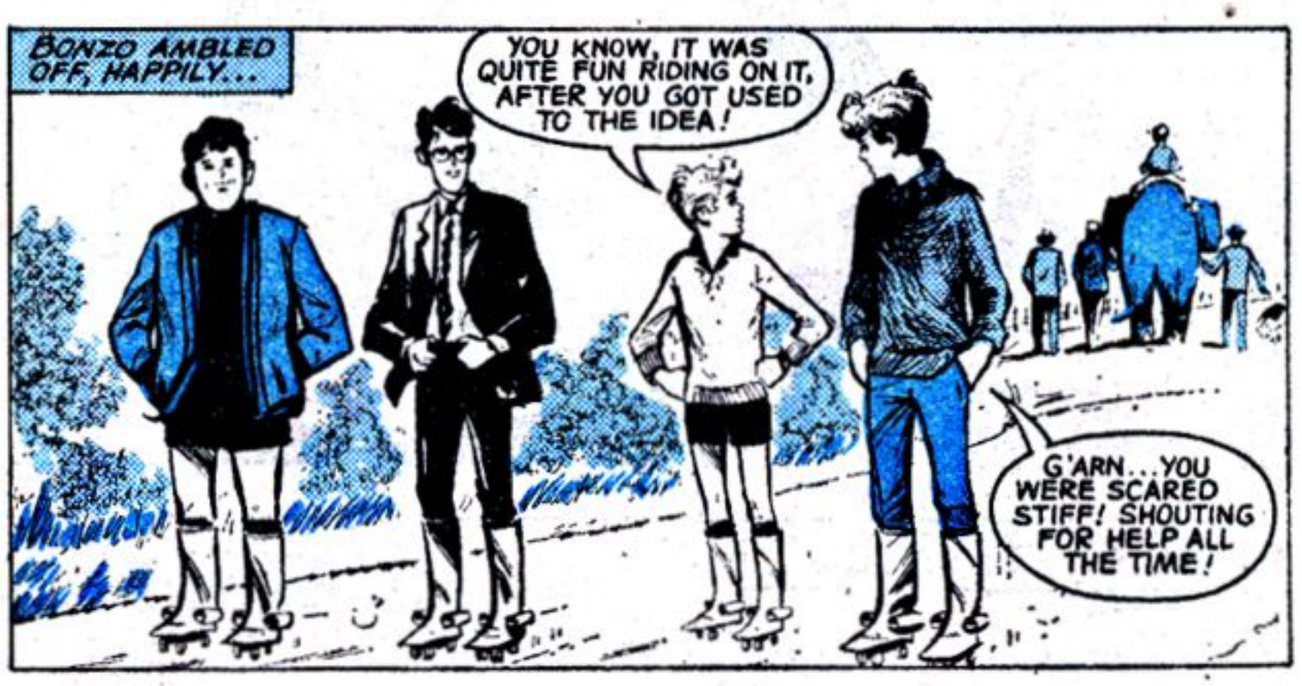
YOUR FAVOURITE GANG... ON THE TRAIL OF STOLEN ANTIQUES!

THE JET-SKATERS







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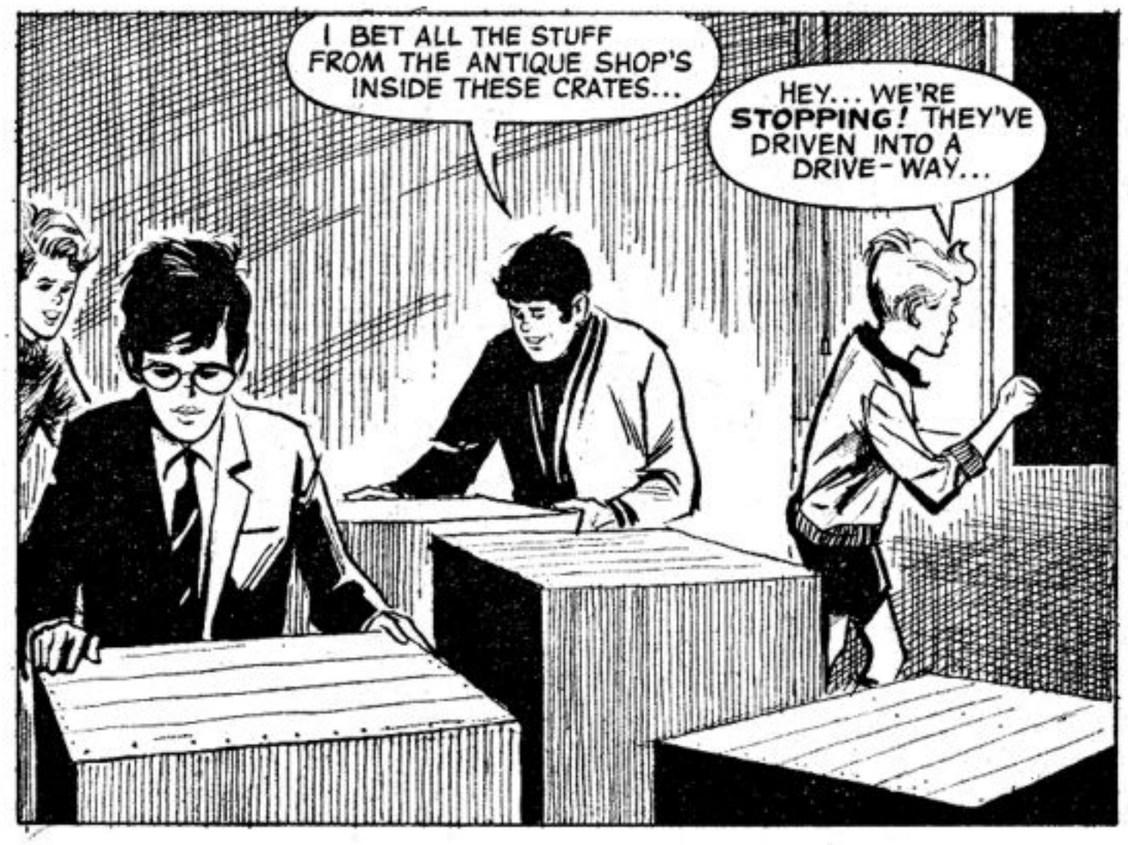

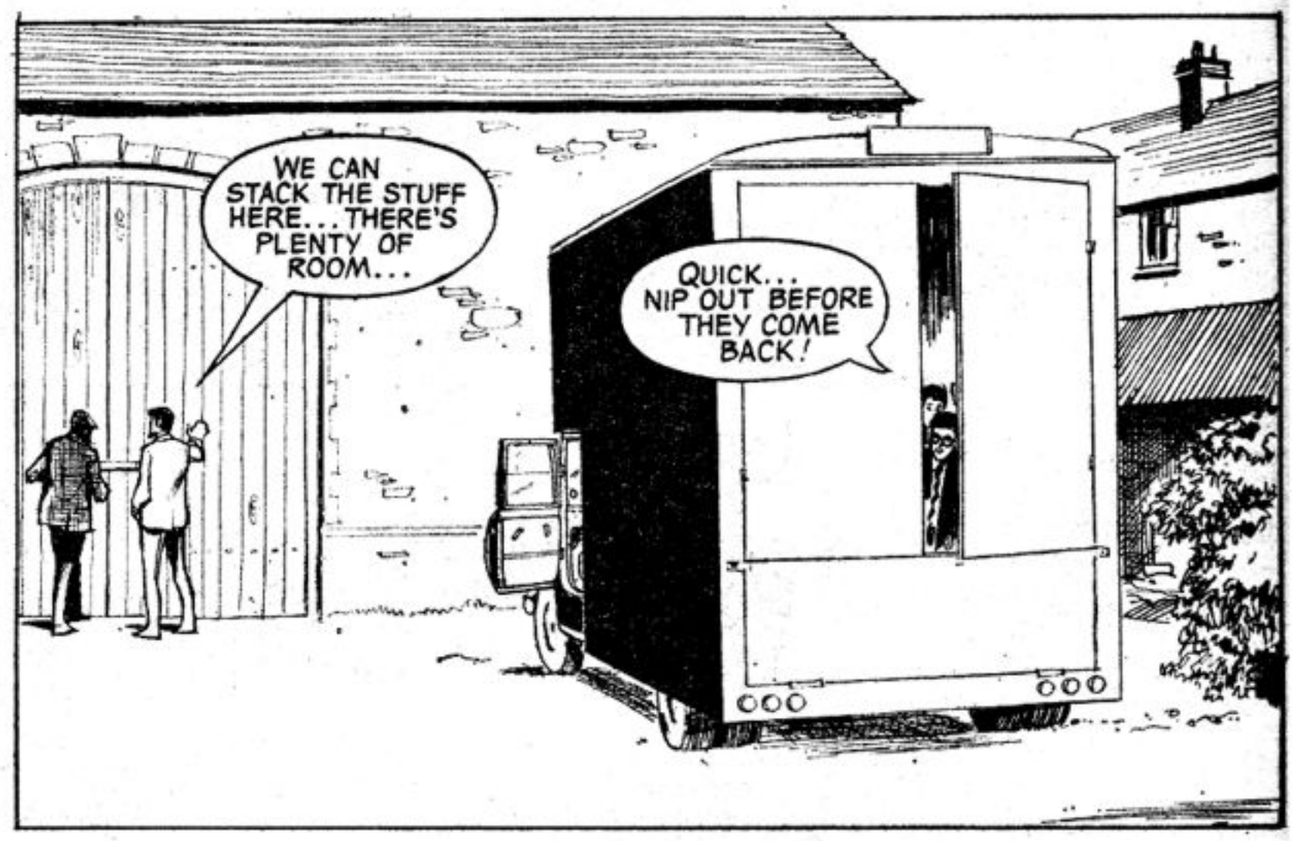

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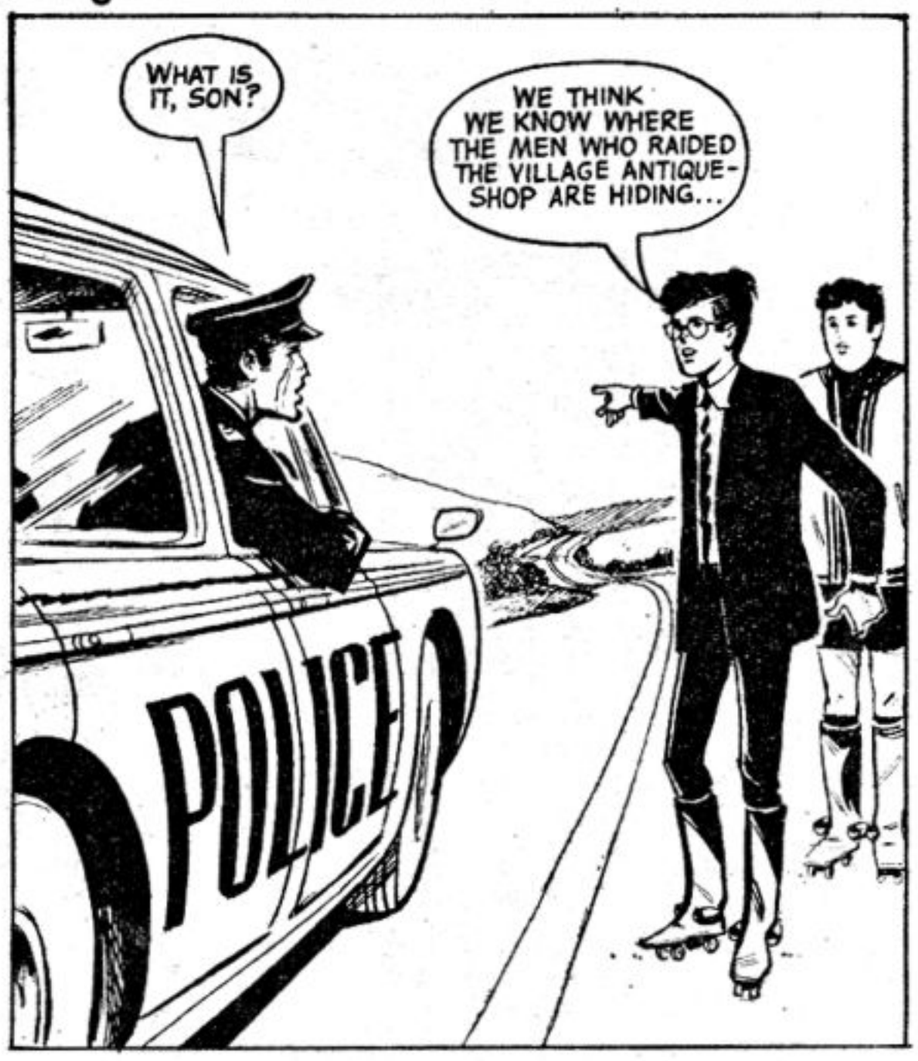
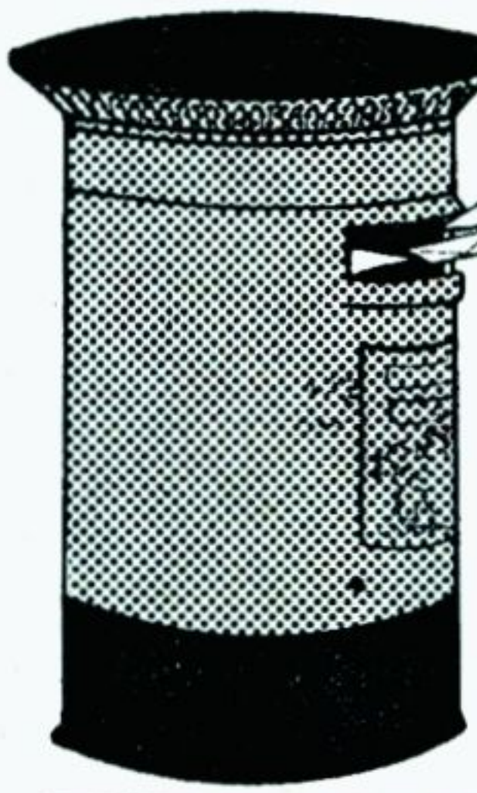


"SEND 'EM IN!" says SAM



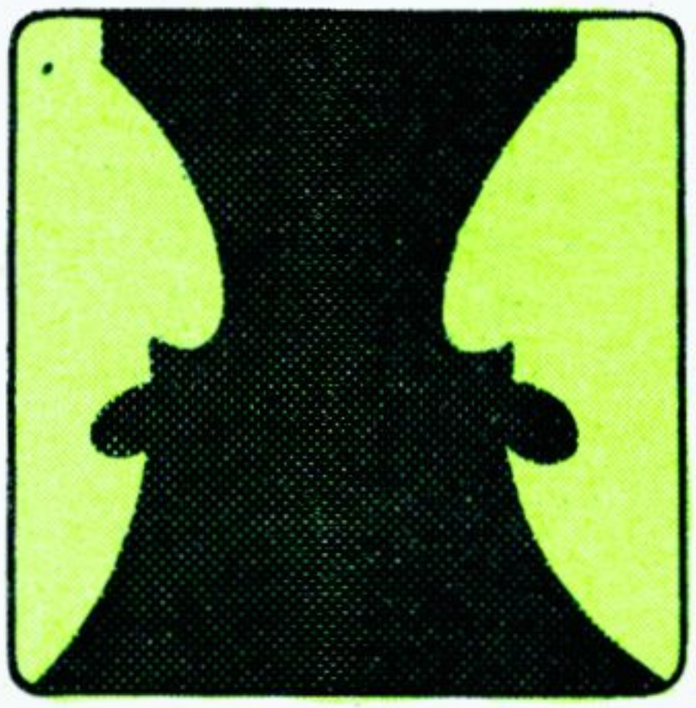
£1 — for you! That's what I'll pay for any letters, jokes, rhymes, riddles, or anything else that I pick to be printed on this page. Send 'em in to: Sam, "Thunder", Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4 . . . and let me know your three favourite stories, too!

STAR LETTER

Dear Sam,
I have just thought of a terrific game which can be played with the free gift you gave away in issue one of Thunder! You remember . . . it was a model of Ozzie the Kangaroo. Well, I stand up, open Ozzie out on the palm of my hand, let him go, and then try to catch him before he dives to the ground. It's great fun!
Duncan Milne, Manchester

PICTURE PUZZLE!

Dear Sam,
I think all the artists whose work appears in *Thunder* must be jolly talented men! But . . . I bet none of them can draw *two* pictures at once, like this. . . .
David Martin, Manchester



Catfood Fun!

Dear Sam,
I have a cat named Tom. One evening, he would not eat his food. We tried his usual meat, but he absolutely refused to eat it! Next day, we were having corn flakes for breakfast. I had to leave the table for a few minutes to answer the door, and when I came back . . . there was Tom, on the table, happily munching at my plate. He's eaten some ridiculous things in the past, but I never thought he'd like corn flakes!
Neil McEnhill, Glasgow

SAM SAYS: Why **shouldn't** he like corn flakes? I do!

MORE ABOUT OZZIE!

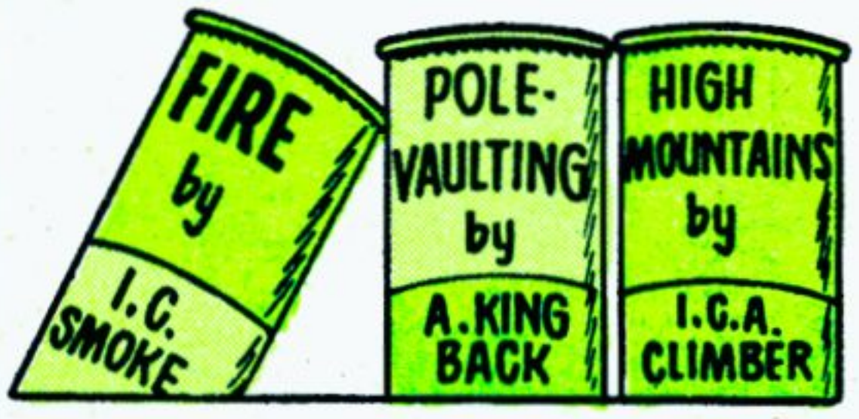
Dear Sam,
When I got the OZZIE free gift out of issue number one, I flung it into the air . . . it smashed into some pottery! Then I had another go and it landed in dad's cup of tea! Now it's on the window-ledge drying out! I liked my free gift, but I've a sneaking suspicion my mum didn't!
J. Tassell, London, S.W.4

Dear Sam,
Do you know the meaning of the phrase, 'out of bounds'?
A. Reader, Isle-of-Wight

SAM SAYS: Aha, well now, this one's easy! The answer is . . . *an exhausted kangaroo!* Which just about fits the description of J. Tassell's free gift! Incidentally, please make sure that your letters and cards to this page *always* carry your name! Our Isle-of-Wight correspondent forgot *his*!

BATTY BOOKSHELF! ✳

Dear Sam,
I bought *Thunder* the first Saturday it came out, and I loved every page! Even though I'm a girl, I think all the stories in it are *great*! Here are some titles and authors for your Batty Bookshelf. . . .
Tina Roberts, Glamorgan



PLENTY OF TIME!

Dear Sam,
One morning, while I was getting ready, my mother shouted up the stairs, 'Hurry up or you'll be late for school!' Then my little brother cried out, 'No, he won't . . . school doesn't finish until four o'clock this afternoon!'

John Shine, Leeds

GULP!

Dear Sam,
One day, my brother and I were walking to school with our best friend. Suddenly, we realised my brother had swallowed some coins! We were very worried as we rushed back home to tell mum. But when we arrived, my friend turned around calmly, and said, 'It's nothing to worry about, really, that was his *Dinner Money*, wasn't it?'
Edward Murphy, Dundee

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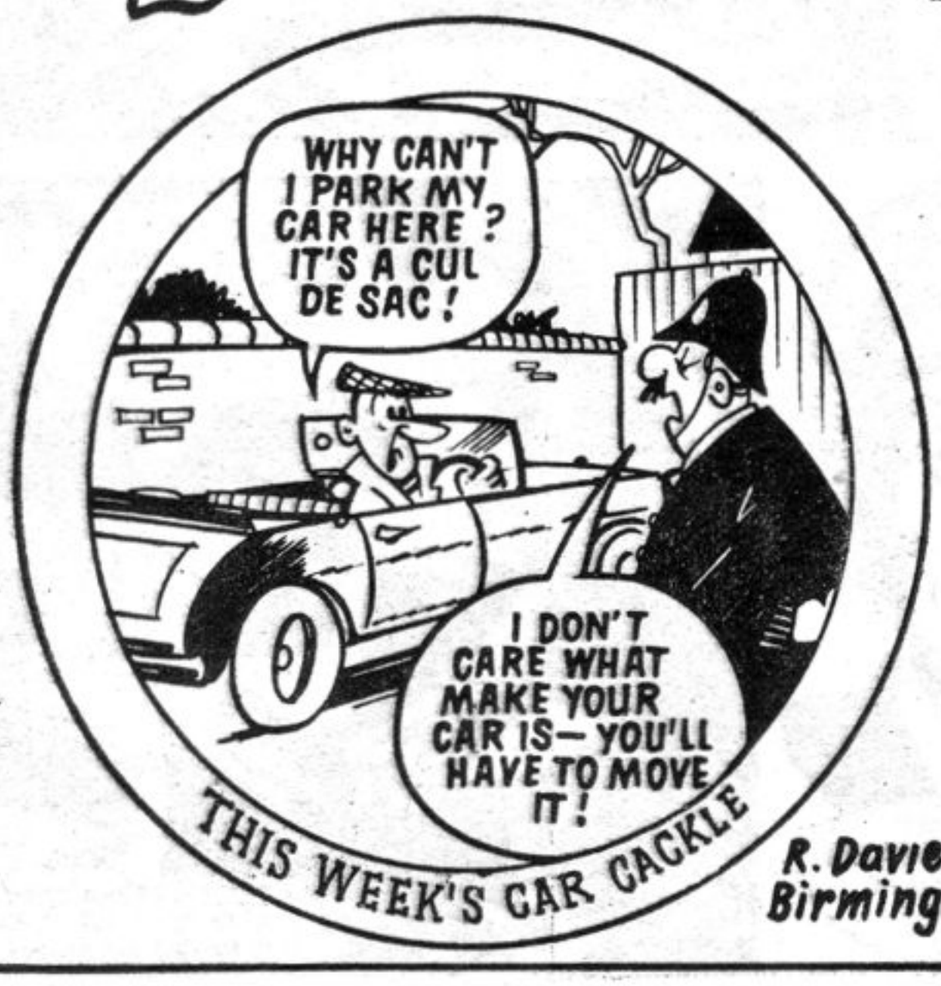
SAM PICKS HIS TOP GAGS

£1 for any jokes that I think our artist would like to draw. Roll 'em in, pals! Let's make Sam's Spot a real cracker!

THIS WEEK'S POLICE-PUN

C. Kent, Bradford.



THIS WEEK'S CAR CACKLE

R. Davies, Birmingham.

THIS WEEK'S BIG-HEAD BELTER

P. Alexander, Leeds.

JUNGLE JINKS WITH ERNIE AND HIS METAL MONSTER!

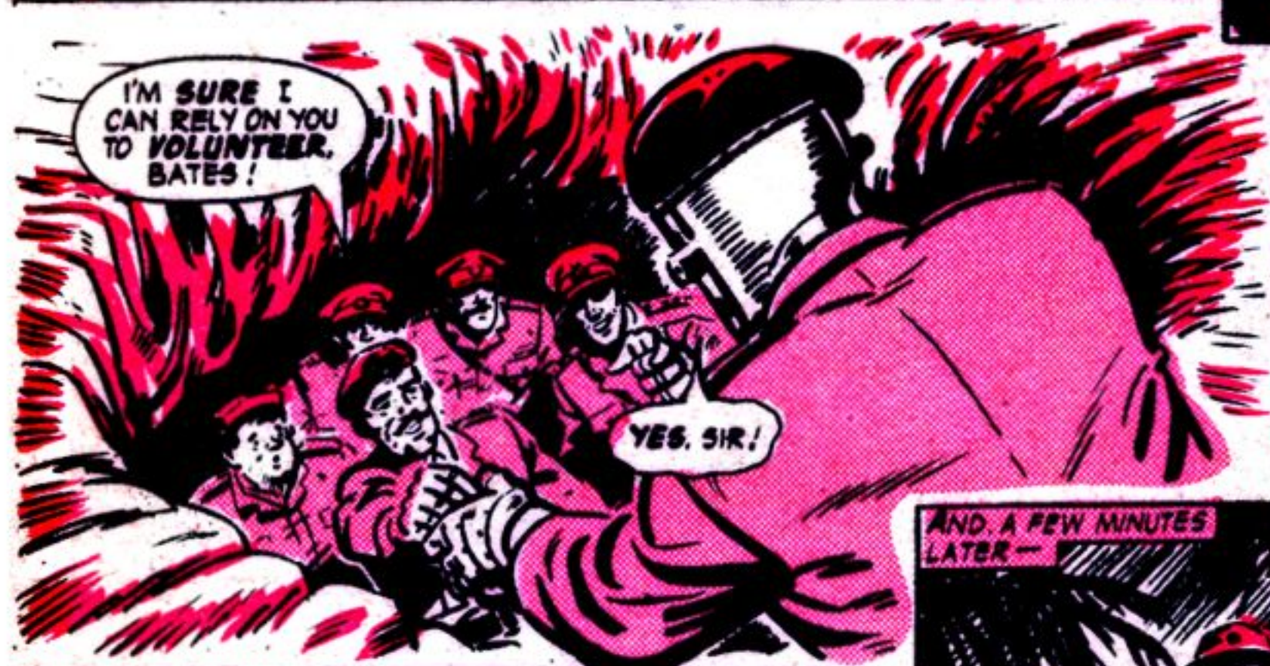
STEEL COMMANDO

DURING WORLD WAR II, LANCE-CORPORAL ERNIE 'EXCUSED-BOOTS' BATES WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF A SECRET WEAPON CALLED THE STEEL COMMANDO—BECAUSE HE WAS THE ONLY MAN IN THE BRITISH ARMY TO WHOM THE ROBOT'S ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS RESPONDED RELIABLY. ERNIE AND THE STEEL COMMANDO WERE SENT TO THE BURMESE JUNGLE, WHERE BRITISH FORCES WERE BESIEGING A STUBBORN JAP GARRISON...

TAKE IT EASY, MATE! THIS WON'T HURT! THE BOFFING IN LONDON HAVE SENT OUT SOME NEW CIRCUITS TO MAKE YOU MORE EFFICIENT—THOUGH I'M NOT SURE WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO!

YES, ERNIE!

The fare by horse-bus from Elephant and Castle to the Bank of England was 1d.



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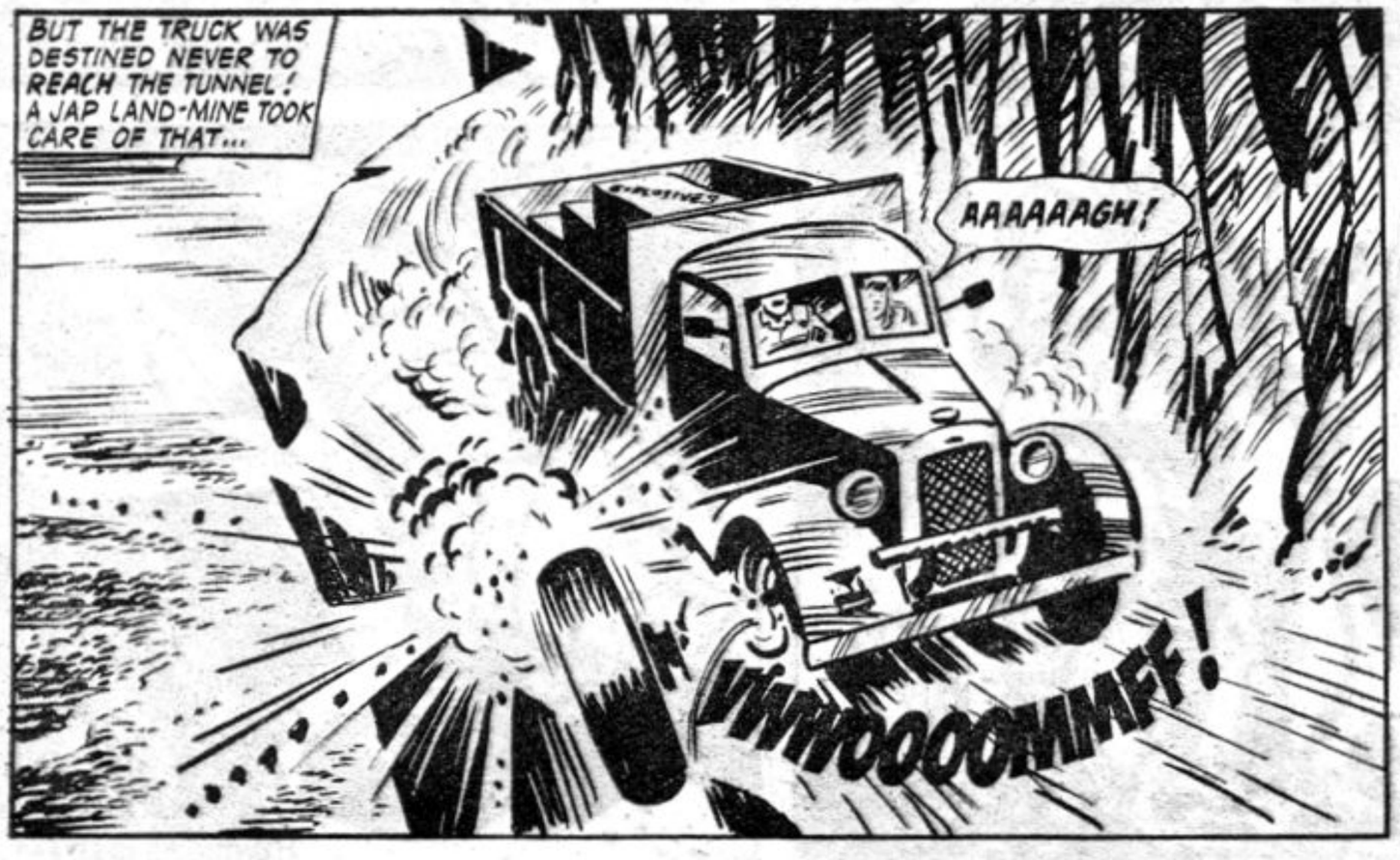
730 gold bars worth £3,500,000 were stolen from a German bank in 1945.

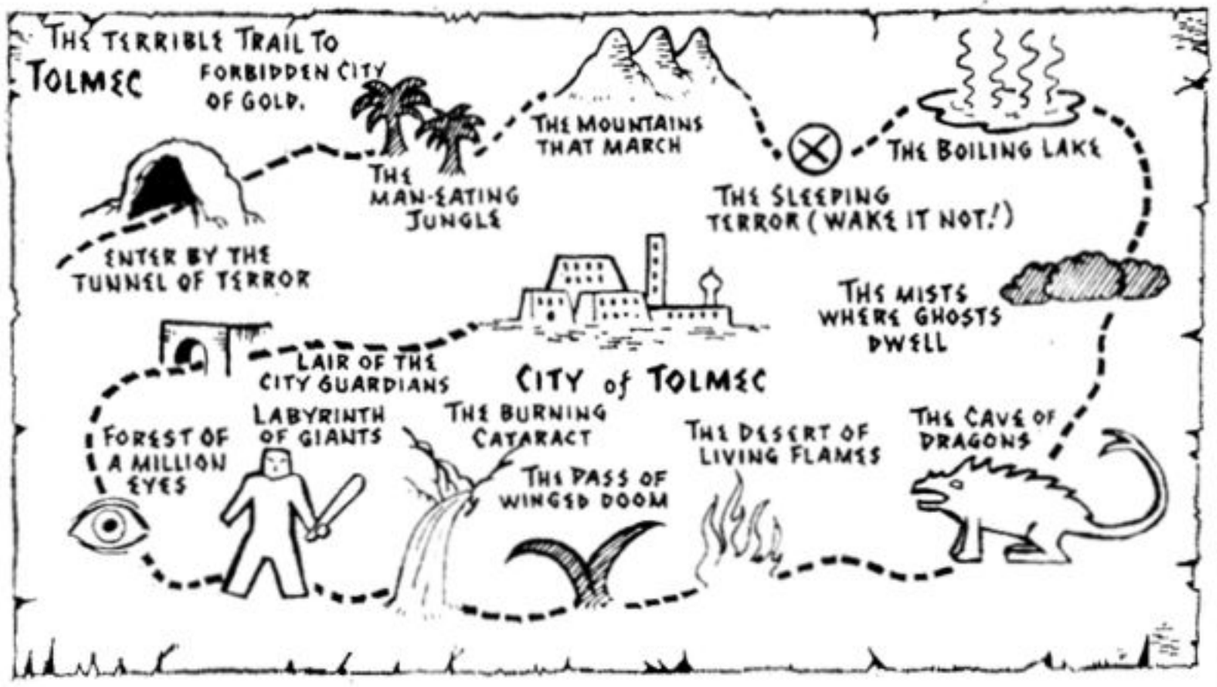


Indian ink doesn't come from India, but China.

TRAPPED IN THE DESERT OF LIVING FLAMES!

THE TERRIBLE TRAIL TO TOLMEC

DOCTOR WOLFGANG STRANGER, WHO CONSIDERED HIMSELF THE GREATEST EXPLORER IN THE WORLD, AND HIS GIGANTIC MANSERVANT, TROLL, HAD AGREED TO GO WITH TOM TAYLOR ON **THE TERRIBLE TRAIL TO TOLMEC**, THE FORBIDDEN CITY OF GOLD, WHERE TOM BELIEVED HE WOULD FIND HIS FATHER! AFTER OVERCOMING MANY EERIE PERILS, THEY APPROACHED THE NEXT DANGER POINT MARKED ON TOM'S MAP—**THE DESERT OF LIVING FLAMES!**



Sir Francis Bacon thought that claret wine was good for lawns.

CONTINUED OVERLEAF...

A Greek, in the 4th Century B.C., invented a steam jet-propelled pigeon.

SHOCKS AND SURPRISES FOR THE VILLAGE BULLY!

GAUNTLET OF FATE

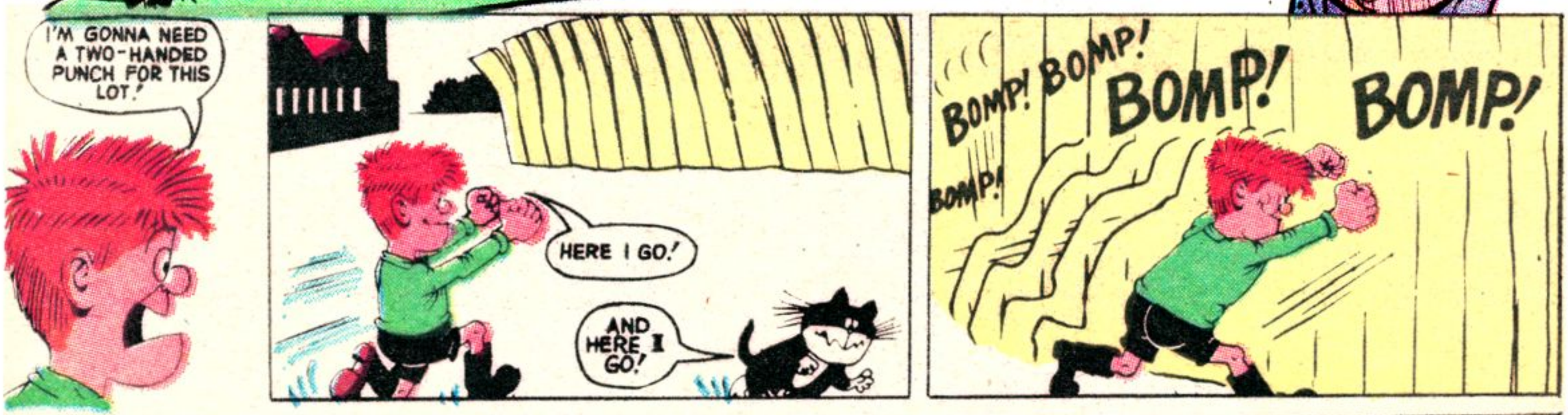
CONTINUED OVERLEAF...

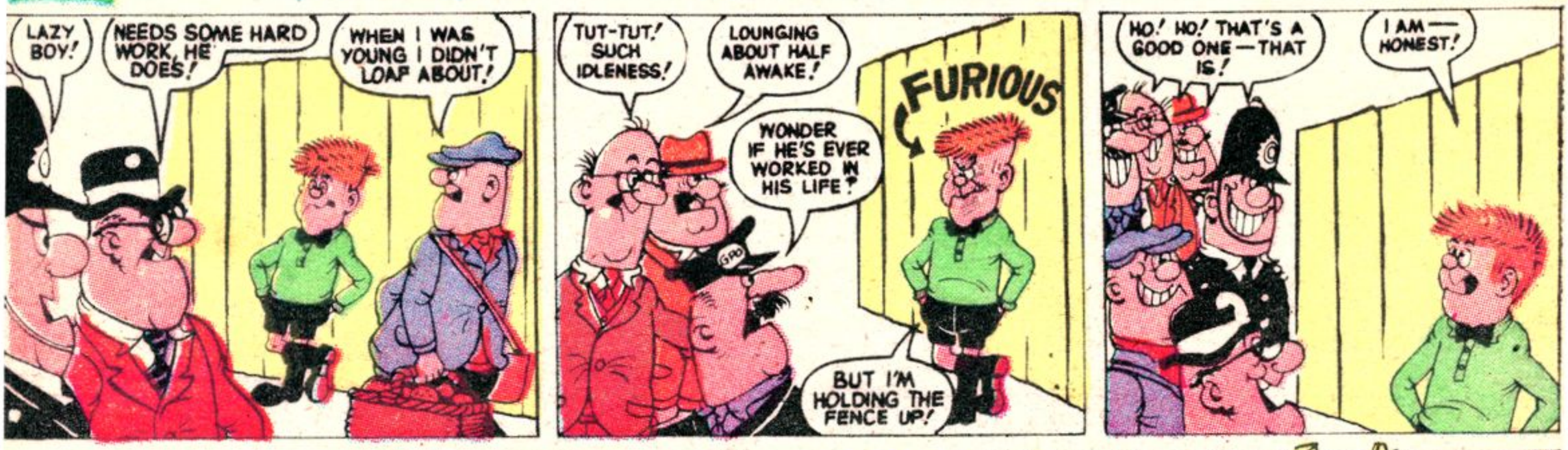
Mouldy bread is really covered with hundreds of tiny plants.

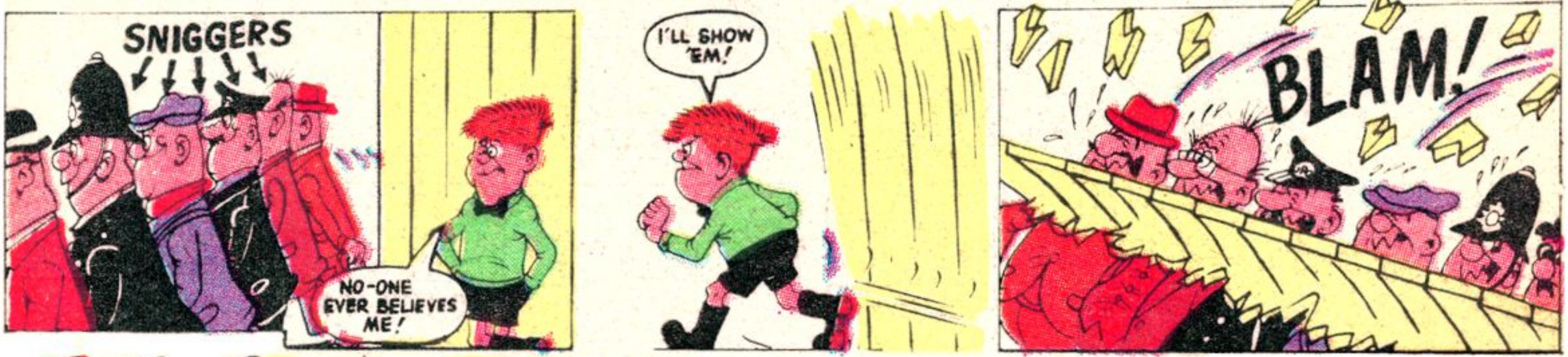
Finland has more than 30,000 miles of navigable rivers, canals and lakes.

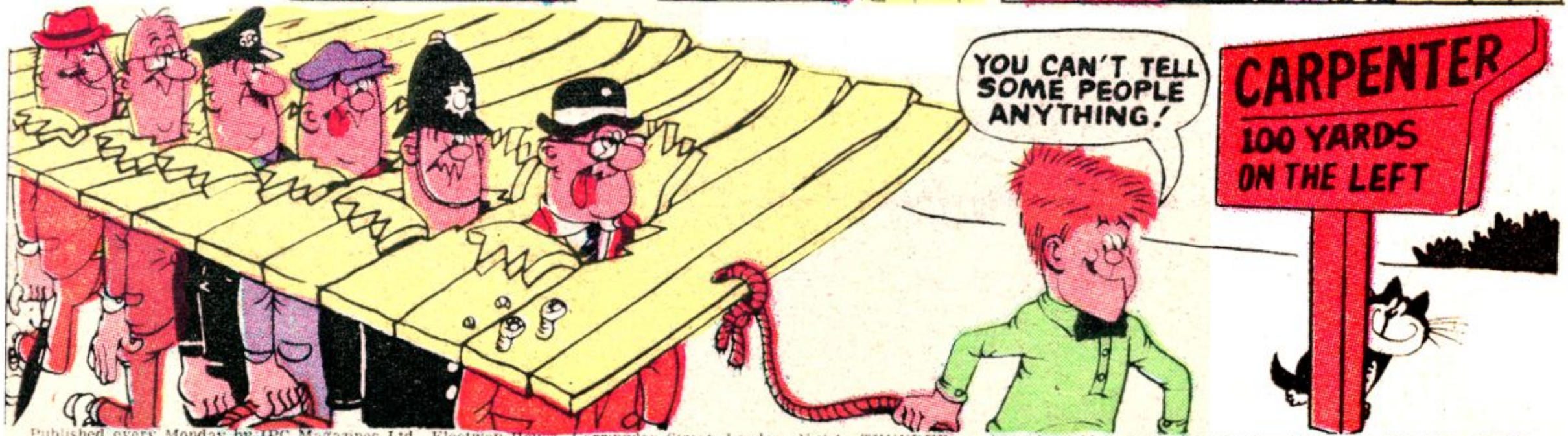
LOOK WHAT YOUR BATTLING PAL IS DOING THIS WEEK!

SAM









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